Bonyak V.O. Organization and functioning of bodies that carried out punitive and repressive and lawenforcement functions in Soviet legal doctrine. The state of scientific support in the Soviet period of the organization and activity of bodies that carried out punitive-repressive and law-enforcement functions on the territory of Ukraine is highlighted. It is proved that such studies were carried out from class positions on the basis of Marxist-Leninist ideology, in conjunction with the problems of the functions of the socialist state.

In the general array of scientific sources quantitatively dominated work that considered the historical aspect of the existence of organs that carried out punitive and repressive and law enforcement functions; At the same time, insufficient attention was paid to the organizational and functional aspects of their activities. One of the reasons for this was the party's policy of silencing the negative aspects of the activities of these bodies of public power, namely: reliance on punitive and repressive methods, violation of the principle of legality, silence of problem issues in the fight against crime.

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