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**HISTORY OF THE USE OF US SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES
AND NATO COUNTRIES DURING THE ACTIVE PHASE OF OPERATION ENDURING
FREEDOM IN AFGHANISTAN (OCTOBER 7 – DECEMBER 17, 2001)
(BASED ON OPEN SOURCES)**

The article examines the history of the preparation and conduct by the special operations forces of the United States and NATO countries of operations against Taliban militants in Afghanistan in 2001-2002. An attempt has been made to identify the main directions and features of the activities of special operations forces both on the eve of the conflict and during it. The study showed that in many respects it was the actions of the MTR that ensured the high efficiency of the activities of both the troops of the Northern Alliance group opposing the Taliban and the US and NATO aviation supporting them.

Key words: special operation forces, Afghanistan, Operation Enduring Freedom, psychological surgery, terrorism.

I.I. Boldyreva

AETHELFLAED AND ELFWYNNE – RULERS OF ANGLO-SAXON MERCIA

The paper looks into specificity of Mercian political history in the reign of Alfred's the Great daughter Aethelflaed and her heiress Elfwynne. The current research is based on the wide range of narrative texts and charters, relating to English history of the 9th – 10th cc. It is shown that the bright reign of Athelflaed and the accession to the throne of her only daughter were enabled by a complex of historical circumstances and an outstanding personality of Aethelflaed, due to military skills she had inherited from her distinguished father. An equally important role should be assigned to a tradition, that for many decades allowed Mercian women to participate in public affairs.

Key words: Anglo-Saxon society, medieval women, Mercia, Aethelflaed of Mercia, Elfwynne, the Viking age.

S.A. Vorobyova

**DISAPPOINTING ACCIDENT STATISTICS TIFLIS DISTRICT
WATER RESCUE SOCIETY**

At the beginning of the twentieth century in all the most important provincial centers of the Russian Empire, there were district and non-district water rescue societies. The matter of saving drowning people was discussed at the state level, because every year there was a significant number of accidents, and the water element claimed new lives. The Society for the Rescue of Drowning People in the provincial city of Tiflis initially enjoyed solid support from representatives of local authorities, merchants and intellectuals. The organization had a fairly extensive structure of rescue stations and substations. However, at the beginning of the twentieth century the number of drowned in the Kura River and other reservoirs of the Tiflis province was impressive figures. This scientific article is devoted to the causes of the statistics of deaths on the water that are disappointing for Tiflis rescuers.

Key words: rescue stations and half-stations, the provincial city of Tiflis, water rescue, district society, statistics, Tiflis province, accident, the board of a public organization, the Kura river, professional lifeguard, propaganda of knowledge, medical care, the population of the province, government representatives, merchants, intelligentsia.

V.V. Gagin

**PROBLEMS OF MANAGEMENT, COMMUNICATION AND ORGANIZATION
OF INTERACTION OF THE RKKA AIR FORCE WITH LAND FORCES ON THE
VORONEZH DIRECTION IN THE SUMMER OF 1942**

The most important reasons why, despite the truly large-scale use of fighter aircraft by the Red Army Air Force in the summer of 1942 in the Voronezh direction, they failed to gain air supremacy were the lack of the necessary technical equipment and experience in the operational control of formations and units of combat aviation.

Key words: radio communication, wire communication, command post, operational art of the Air Force, combat aviation control, target designation, reaction time.

O.A. Gorbunov

**REFLECTION OF THE EVENTS OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR IN THE
MEMOIRS OF RAYMOND POINCARE**

The article is devoted to the analysis of the reflection of the vicissitudes of the First World War on the pages of the memoirs of the great French statesman R. Poincare. Occupying the post of Prime Minister and president during the war, a few years later, in his memoirs, he outlined his own view of the events of 1914-1918, the role of France in the fighting against Germany and its allies, as well as in diplomatic relations between the leading powers of the world. R. Poincare's memoirs allow us to expand our understanding of a controversial epoch in world history that had a huge impact on the further development of mankind.

Key words: The First World War, R. Poincare, France, Russia, military operations, diplomacy.

S.L. Gurinov

**JAPANESE SPIES IN FINLAND IN 1910
(BASED ON THE MATERIALS OF THE VORONEZH PRESS)**

After the end of the Russo-Japanese War of 1904-1905, the society was under the impression of the crushing defeat of the Russian Empire for a long time. Espionage related to the successful actions of Japanese intelligence abroad and on the territory of Russia has become a serious problem. Domestic counterintelligence during the fighting was practically powerless against the ubiquitous Japanese agents. That is why the Russian man in the street for a long time experienced a natural fear of Japanese intelligence. One of these manifestations was the rumors about the spread of an extensive Japanese intelligence network in the Grand Duchy of Finland. It is interesting that the mentioned rumors were reflected even on the pages of the Voronezh periodical newspaper «Zhivoe Slovo».

Key words: the Grand Duchy of Finland, Voronezh press, Japan, rumors, intelligence, the Russian Empire, counterintelligence, the Russo-Japanese war of 1904 – 1905, defeat in the war, the imperial yacht "Standard", the newspaper «Zhivoe Slovo», encrypted dispatch, espionage, wireless telegraph, Japanese emissaries, Vyborg, spies, Voronezh, Admiral Togo.

R.V. Dorokhina, O.V. Proskurina, E.D. Fedotova

VORONEZH KIRKH AS A HERITAGE OF PROTESTANT CULTURE

The Lutheran church in Voronezh began to be built in 1811. By 1819 the construction of the temple was completed. Well-known parishioners in different years were Wilhelm Stoll, Johann Gustavovich Carlson, Karl Ludwigovich Myufke. The Household of the Lutheran community included three buildings - a church and two outbuildings. All of them actually appear at the same address - Voronezh, st. Karl Marx, 65. Lutheranism positions itself as a religion of renunciation, where there are no rich clothes for clergy, church decorations and paintings. The Protestant work ethic is a religious doctrine that speaks of the goodness of work and the need to work honestly and diligently.

Key words: history, local history, charity, entrepreneurship, Protestantism.

V.I. Durov

**THE PROBLEM OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND ADOPTION
OF THE LAW ON CITY GOVERNMENT IN THE KINGDOM OF POLAND
AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 20th CENTURY**

The article discusses the main provisions and stages of the passage of the draft law on city government in the Kingdom of Poland. The most heated discussions in the State Duma and the State Council were caused by the provisions on the property qualification, Jews and the Polish language.

Key words: Kingdom of Poland, local government, city government, Polish nationalism, parliamentarism, Russian Empire.

E.A. Zverkov, N.M. Savitskiy

**TRADE UNION WORK IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE
NON-DEPARTMENTAL OUTDOOR GUARD OF THE VORONEZH REGION
IN 1953-1954**

The article is devoted to the daily work of the trade unions of the Department of Private Security of Voronezh. Such directions as protection of labor rights of watchmen, provision of financial assistance, referral to sanatorium treatment are considered.

Key words: private security, trade unions, Voronezh.

D.V. Liventsev

THE STORY OF THE UNIQUE IMPOSTOR DOCTOR A.A. CHEREMSHANSKY

The article describes the criminal case of the impostor doctor A.A. Cheremshansky, who posed for many years in pre-revolutionary Russia as a medical worker. For decades, A.A. Cheremshansky successfully deceived the official authorities and Russian citizens. The life of a generally recognized swindler in Russia is a fascinating adventure novel. Despite the fantastic details of the investigative case of the impostor doctor A.A. Cheremshansky, all the events of his biography established during the investigation are authentic. In addition, attention is paid to the history of crimes in Russia in the second half of the XIX – early XX centuries.

Key words: impostor, criminal case, military doctor, investigation, order of St. George, order of St. Anna, Governor, Zemstvo, Kama Region, Siberia, Russian Empire, Moscow, St. Petersburg, Doctor of Medicine.

M.M. Pereslavytseva, M.V. Kirchanov

THE IMPACT OF SCIENTIFIC CONSCIOUSNESS CRISIS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONALISM IN RUSSIA

The purpose of this study is to analyze the impact on the worldview of a serious social transformation of socio-cultural life that began after the collapse of the USSR, which marked the beginning of the emergence and development of radical political trends and provoked an explosion of pseudo-historical imagination, sustained in nationalist tones. The author analyzes social processes (such as the formation of the information society and consumer society, the spread of mythological consciousness), the place of science in the minds of modern youth, the state and problems of the modern education system and how it affected the worldview of modern man. The article analyzes the reasons for the formation of nationalism in the form that can be called the term "folk history" and the main features of the national patriotic movement in the form of neo-paganism. The article also analyzes the texts of neo-pagan ideologists and shows the anti-scientific nature of these ideas by examples.

The results of the study suggest that in the conditions of ideological transition, the crisis of scientific consciousness and the spread of mythological thinking, openly anti-scientific ideas that do not pass the test of critical thinking, but have many followers, have developed within the framework of nationalism.

Key words: information society, consumer society, mythological consciousness, nationalism, "folk history", neo-paganism.

V.N. Ryapolov

**METROPOLITAN JOSEPH (SEMASHKO): "WE ARE THE RUSSIAN CHILDREN
OF AN INNUMERABLE RUSSIAN FAMILY"**

The article is devoted to the life and work of the outstanding spiritual figure of the XIX century, Metropolitan Joseph (Semashko; 1799-1868). Born into a Uniate family in Ukraine, he not only came to the Orthodox faith himself, but also through his efforts was able to reunite with the Russian Orthodox Church one and a half million Uniates in Belarus.

Key words: Belarus, Orthodoxy, Catholicism, Uniatism, Metropolitan, reunification.

I.M. Churilova

RUSSIA AGAINST NAPOLEON IN THE WAR OF 1812

The article is devoted to the most important events of the first quarter of the XIX century – the Patriotic War of 1812. The confrontation between Napoleon and Alexander I clearly showed all the existing contradictions in the foreign policy of the leading European states. In the light of the anniversary dates, the article highlights the most important issues of preparation and the course of hostilities, analyzes the causes of failures.

Key words: Great Patriotic War, staff officer, talented military commander, defensive operation, strategic planning, heroism

B.L. Shapiro

A “FIRST-CLASS LEOPARD” FROM THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART

The exotic cat fur costumes collection from the Metropolitan Museum of Art's Costume Institute is small, and numbering only a few dozen items. To date, all of them are poorly researched, not represented in the permanent exhibition, exhibited only occasionally and in fragments. The current research, characterizing the dynamics of American fur fashion in the 1920s-1980s and the relationship of the American fur industry with a similar industry in the USSR on the example of this collection, partially fills this gap.

Key words: conspicuous consumption, USSR fur trade, History of costume, Fashion History, Fur fashion, American culture, museum collections, Metropolitan Museum of Art.

E.A. Shendrikov, E.V. Ilyinov

**COMBAT OPERATIONS OF THE 10TH AIR ARMY
IN THE SOVIET-JAPANESE WAR OF 1945**

The article highlights the fighting of the 10th Air Army in the Soviet-Japanese War of 1945. On the basis of various sources, including archival documents, the preparation of Soviet air units for the war is considered. The course of the 10th Air Army's combat operations in August 1945 is briefly highlighted and summed up. Examples of the heroism of Soviet pilots, whose skill allowed them to fulfill all the tasks set by the Soviet command, are given.

Key words: Soviet-Japanese war, Manchurian strategic offensive operation, 10th Air Army, P.F. Zhigarev.

D.V. Shchukin, K.R. Kiseleva

TOUCHES TO THE PORTRAIT OF EVERYDAY LIFE OF THE ERA OF "DEVELOPED SOCIALISM" 1964 – 1982 IN THE FASHION MIRROR

The article examines the features of the "Soviet style" fashion in the space of everyday life of the USSR in the period 1964-1982. It is noted that the change of political space and leadership in 1964 in the USSR, as well as the new course of power, entailed the creation of an image of a Soviet person and a "Soviet style" different from previous eras. The article analyzes the specifics of women's and men's fashion of this time.

Key words: history, USSR, everyday life, style, fashion, L.I. Brezhnev, clothing, fashion magazines, everyday life, hairstyle.

Yu.S. Bobkova, A.M. Prosianaia, N.E. Zhurbina

UK POLICY TOWARDS FORCED MIGRANTS FROM UKRAINE

The article examines the features of current UK policy towards forced Ukrainian migrants in the context of migration and political trends in the country. A key role is given to the specific legal mechanisms engaged by the British government in this area. Particular attention is paid to the strategic nature of the UK-Ukraine relationship.

Key words: migration, UK, Ukraine, forced migrants, politics, asylum.

A.G. Evstratov

RESULTS OF THE 44-DAY KARABAKH WAR FOR IRAN: BENEFITS AND RISKS

The tripartite statement on a truce between the Armenian and Azerbaijani troops, signed by the leaders of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Russia on November 9, 2020, has a whole range of contradictory and ambiguous consequences for Iran, which did not take part in the preparation of this document, which, however, is one of the most important political, military and economic players in the South Caucasus region. In this article, the author, using traditional methods of content analysis, observing descriptions, as well as relying on historical methodology in considering the development of events, sets the goal of identifying, in addition to the well-known and announced results of the armed confrontation in Karabakh, the consequences that did not fall into the sphere of media interest, relevant to regional policy of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The result of the study is the identification of the consequences of the 44-day war that are purely negative for Iran - the decrease in the authority and role of Tehran in the South Caucasus, the danger to it from the strengthened alliance of Azerbaijan and Turkey, as well as possible logistical problems against the backdrop of increased control of Ankara and Baku over regional transport routes.

Key words: Iran, Armenia, Karabakh, Azerbaijan, war, Karabakh conflict

N.E. Zhurbina

MIGRATION PROBLEMS IN EUROPE: TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

The article includes the main problems of the EU in recent years. There is presented a short review of the migration situation in the EU at the beginning of the 21st century. The article gives a detailed analysis EU migration policy towards Ukrainian refugees. It's shown an increase in arrivals of people displaced by the special military operation of Russian Federation in Ukraine. The paper includes the list of the EU actions aimed at the migrants' adaptation and integration. It's shown the different attitude of Europeans to refugees from Ukraine and to other groups of refugees. The complex of these migration problems divided in "old" and "new" (before and after launching a "special military operation" in Ukraine) is a challenge for the European Union on which depends its future.

Key words: migration in Europe, forced migrants, refugees, illegal migration

I.V. Zubov, E.A. Zlydar

ON THE NATURE OF RELATIONS OF THE POLISH STATE AND POLES WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER NATIONALITIES AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE POSSIBLE ACCESSION OF WESTERN UKRAINE TO THE TERRITORY OF POLAND

This article presents an analysis of the national policy of the Polish leadership and the relations of the Poles with other nations and peoples living on the territory of Poland in the period from the formation of the Polish state in November 1918 to the present. In addition, it describes the possible negative consequences for the Poles in the event of the annexation of the territory of Western Ukraine to the territory of Poland after the completion of the special military operation of Russia.

Key words: Poland, Polish Republic, Soviet Russia, USSR, Versailles Peace Treaty, mono-ethnic state, multi-ethnic state, Ukrainian nationalism, special military operation of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation on the territory of Ukraine.

V.A. Matvienko

**INVERSION OF APPROACHES TO ENSURING SPIRITUAL SECURITY
IN CONDITIONS OF SOCIO-POLITICAL TENSION**

The current difficult political and social reality, complicated by a whole set of negative factors directly related to the impact of the consequences of coronavirus infection and the growth of geopolitical tensions, actualizes the need for methodological and partly practical understanding of the designated range of issues. The author focuses on identifying possible mechanisms that can reduce or nullify threats to spiritual security.

Key words: spiritual security, religiosity, political life of society, religious extremism and terrorism, external and internal threats.

K.S. Pakhomova

**URBANIZATION IN GERMANY:
BACKGROUND, FEATURES AND CONSEQUENCES**

The paper presents the results of territorial analysis of the impact of demographic ageing and ageing-in-place on the spatial structure of urban, suburban and rural areas for the period up to 2025. According to official demographic projections, the process of population ageing in urban centers will be slower than in other areas, which will cause changes in the territorial structure of population ageing. The analysis shows that urban center areas will gain a demographic advantage through increased net migration, while the suburbs will cease to be attractive for young migrants, who could balance the impact of the ageing post-war generation. This process is characteristic of peri-urban areas with a homogeneous ageing population with decreasing mobility.

Key words: demographic change, population ageing, population decline, ageing by place of residence, spatial pattern of population change, Germany

A.V. Pogorelsky

THE GENESIS AND EVOLUTION OF EUROSCEPTICISM AS A POLITICAL PHENOMENON

The term "Eurosceptic" appeared in the mid-1980s and denoted people who opposed European integration. Prior to the signing of the Maastricht Treaty in 1992, this definition referred to political marginals to a greater extent. However, as the EU evolved and expanded its powers, such as the introduction of the euro, the largest enlargement of the union in 2004, the unsuccessful attempt to create a European constitution and the subsequent signing of the Lisbon Treaty, the number of supporters of the ideology of "Euroscepticism" increased many times over. In recent years, with the onset of the eurozone crisis, the ideas of "Euroscepticism" have become widespread in European states, putting increasing pressure on European elites and their vision of the EU's future development.

Key words: European Union, European integration, Euroscepticism, political parties, economic crisis.

A.V. Stolyarov

MODERN US INTEGRATION STRATEGIES

One of the main problems of the XXI century is the social and cultural split in society. And this split can lead to an ever-increasing disintegration of society. The national political leader of the state is the subject who is really able to overcome these splits and unite society and, at least, the citizens of his state. This national political leader must have undoubted authority, serious resources, and a high status in the system of power capable of transforming society. Accordingly, certain individuals become national political leaders, both because of their personal qualities and because they respond to the social demand of their society. The purpose of the article is to analyze how American political leaders responded to the social demand for the consolidation of society in the first third of the XXI century.

Key words: national political leader, state, state power, president, integration of society, political elections, Barack Obama, Donald Trump, Joseph Biden, democracy, political process.

V.A. Shumskikh

**THE PHENOMENON OF VIRTUAL MIGRATION IN RESEARCH THINKING
IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES (THE CASE OF GERMANY)**

The global trend of an increasing number of digital devices and media in the life of society suggests that the modern market is increasingly going digital. For some years now, an organic environment has been taking shape, characterised by the virtualisation of the labour market. The digital revolution has linked employees and employers through a platform - hence the phenomenon of virtual labour migration.

The relevance of the study lies in the fact that virtual migration allows workers to participate in the labour market at any time and from any place in the world. The phenomenon of virtual migration actualizes the essence of the global economy, which is being transformed from a physical space into an information space. Thanks to the digitalisation of the labour market, a new system for managing information flows at a distance is emerging. There is a high demand for knowledge and education, which forces employers to look exclusively for highly qualified personnel. At the same time, professionals are competing with each other on the global labour market as a result of the rapid digitalisation that is taking place.

Germany was chosen to analyse the phenomenon of virtual migration in research thinking because Germany is one of the leading European countries. In addition, the author is a virtual labour migrant because she works remotely in the German office of Xometry.

Key words: virtual migration, Germany, phenomenon, labour migrants, research thought, disintegration, marginalisation, pandemic