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Operation Barbarossa to be focus of academic conference

Operation Barbarossa, the largest land battle ever fought and one whose outcome determined world history, will be the subject of a major academic conference in Waterloo Friday, May 17 to Sunday, May 19.

Sponsored by the Waterloo-Laurier Centre for Soviet Studies, the conference falls during the 50th anniversary of Hitler's push into the Soviet Union during the Second World War.

About 35 academics, and military and governmental scholars from six countries will speak on diplomacy, intelligence, and the nationalities as they relate to Operation Barbarossa.

D.A. Volkogonov, a close adviser to Russian Federation leader Boris Yeltsin, will make a presentation on the first day of the conference. Other speakers include Gerhard Weinberg, who served as a consultant on the authenticity of volumes presented as Hitler's diaries in 1983; Erich Haberer, who for the last two years has been responsible for the Department of Justice's investigations of war crimes; and Theo Schulte, a consultant to the Department of Justice regarding war crime trials.

The conference will be held at St. Jerome's College on the campus of the University of Waterloo.

The centre, a joint venture of Laurier and UW, was established in 1989 to enhance Canada's ability to analyse and interpret developments in the Soviet Union.

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Note: A preliminary program for the conference is attached.

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THE WATERLOO-LAURIER CENTRE FOR SOVIET STUDIES

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OPERATION BARBAROSSA:
DIPLOMACY. INTELLIGENCE AND THE NATIONALITIES

An International Conference on the 50th Anniversary

MAY 17-19, 1991

ST. JEROME'S COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO

Thursday, May 16

7:30 p.m. - Registration and Reception
Common Room, St. Jerome's College

Friday, May 17 (* Denotes Confirmed Speaker)

8:30 a.m. - Registration
Siegfried Hall, St. Jerome's College

9:00 a.m. - Opening Remarks

9:15 a.m. - Session I: German Preparations and the Conception
of the War

Chair: George Urbaniak*
Wilfrid Laurier University

Speakers: "The German Invasion of Russia: Background
and Purpose"
Gerhard Weinberg*
U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado

"Operation Barbarossa and the End of
Interstate War"
Martin van Creveld*
Hebrew University, Jerusalem

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11:15 a.m. - Session II: Soviet-German Relations: Confrontation or Appeasement?

Chair: Harold Nelson *
University of Toronto

Speakers: "Soviet-Nazi Confrontations between 1940 and June 1941"
O.A. Rzheshhevsky*
Academy of Sciences, Moscow

"Soviet Appeasement on the Eve of Barbarossa"
Teddy Uldricks*
North Carolina

"Barbarossa and the Soviet Intelligentsia"
Yu. Polyakov *
Academy of Sciences, Moscow

1:00 p.m. - Lunch

2:00 p.m. - Session III: The Problem of Surprise

Chair: Ben Greenhous *
Department of National Defence, Canada

Speakers: "Stalin and the Barbarossa Attack"
D.A. Volkogonov *
Military History Institute, Moscow

"Stalin's Surprise and the Barbarossa Attack"
Timothy Mulligan*
National Archives, Washington, D.C.

"Soviet Readiness for war and the Problem of Surprise"
G.A. Kumanev
U.S.S.R. Historical Institute, Moscow

4:00 p.m. - Session IV: ALLIES AND ALLIANCES

Chair: John Cairns
Toronto

Speakers: "British Perceptions of the Soviet Union and Barbarossa"
Philip Bell *
Liverpool, England

"Germany Prepares Its Allies"
G. Ueberschar
Freiberg, Germany

"The U.S.S.R. and the Formation of the
Anti-Hitler Coalition"
Alexander Orlov *
Institute of Military History, Moscow

7:00 p.m. - Cocktails and Dinner

Saturday, May 18 (Siegfried Hall)

9:15 a.m. - Session V: Soviet Intelligence and Barbarossa

Chair: Loren Calder *
Wilfrid Laurier University

Speakers: "Soviet Intelligence and Barbarossa"
David Glantz *
Soviet Army Studies, Fort Leavenworth

"U.S., British and Soviet Intelligence
Sharing"
Bradley Smith
Canasso College, California

"Soviet Intelligence Processing and
Barbarossa"
V. Dashishchev*
Academy of Sciences, Moscow

11:15 a.m. - Session VI: Western Intelligence and German
CounterIntelligence

Chair: Terry Copp *
Wilfrid Laurier University

Speakers: "German Counterintelligence and
Barbarossa"
David Kahn*
New York

"British Intelligence and Barbarossa"
Wesley Wark *
University of Toronto

1:00 - Lunch

2:00 p.m. - Session VII: Germany's Friends and Barbarossa

Chair: Gunnar Boehnert *
University of Guelph

Speakers: "Japan and Barbarossa"
Bernd Martin *
Freiburg, Germany

"Italy and Barbarossa"
Alan Cassels *
McMaster University

"Spain and Barbarossa"
Denis Smyth *
University of Toronto

4:00 p.m. - Session VIII: The Economic, Social and Religious Impact

Chair: David Davies *
University of Waterloo

Speakers: "Nazi Economic Goals in Barbarossa"
Rolf Dieter-Muller*
Freiberg, Germany

"Economic Impact of Barbarossa on Soviet Union"
Susan Linz*
Michigan

"Impact of Barbarossa on Soviet Religious Policy"
Stephen Miner*
Ohio

7:00 p.m. - Banquet
Speaker: Sir Michael Howard (To Be Confirmed)

Sunday, May 19 (Ira Needles Hall)

9:15 a.m. - Session IX: Baltic and Balkan States

Chair: Toivo Raun
Indiana University

Juri Ant *
Tartu University, Estonia

"Hungary and Barbarossa"
Nandor Dreisziger *
Royal Military College

"Romania and Barbarossa"
Dov Lungu & Voirica Moisuc
Toronto Bucharest

11:15 a.m. - Session X: Polish and Ukrainian Questions

Chair/Commentator: Peter Potichnyj *
McMaster University

Speakers: "Polish Intelligence and the Preparations
for Barbarossa"
M.K. Dziewanowski*
Wisconsin

"The Ukraine and Germany, 1940-41"
W. Stojko *
Manhattan College, New York

2:00 p.m. - Session XI: Jewish Question and Barbarossa

Chair/Commentator: Michael Marrus *
University of Toronto

Speakers: "The Wehrmacht and the Extermination of the
Jews"
Theo Schulte
Cambridge, England

"Himmler, Einsatzgruppen and the Jews"
Richard Breitman *
American University, Washington, D.C.

"Police, Local Militia and the
Extermination of the Jews"
Erich Haberer
Department of Justice, Canada

4:00 p.m. - Session XII

Panel Discussion: A.O. Rzheshevsky*
B. Martin *
G. Weinberg*
A. Seaton