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Soviet Citizens and Europeans – Participants of the Resistance Movement**

From the Editors

The thematic issue is devoted to the eightieth anniversary of the onset of the Great Patriotic War. The core of the issue is formed by the materials of the International Scientific Conference “Soviet Citizens and Europeans in the Resistance Movement” that took place in Novosibirsk, on April 8–9, 2021 under the auspices of the Novosibirsk State Pedagogical University. Conference participants included researchers from nine countries: Russia, Austria, Germany, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Serbia, France and Ukraine.

The issue presents scientific articles by the Russian and foreign authors studying the phenomenon of Resistance both in the territory of European countries and in the USSR. The authors interpret the term "resistance" as broadly as possible, ranging from the traditional Resistance movement in the territory of European states to the partisan and underground struggle in the Soviet territories. The multinational anti-fascist Resistance forces acting during the World War II in the occupied countries and Axis powers contributed significantly to the Victory. More than forty thousand Soviet citizens of various nationalities who had escaped from concentration camps, places of forced labor, as well as emigrants participated in the anti-fascist Resistance movement in the territories of European states. Hundreds of thousands of Soviet citizens fought in the partisan detachments in the Soviet territory.

Particularly striking is multidimensional contents of the published materials. The authors of the articles cover such issues as new approaches to the study of the Resistance movement, courage and heroism showed by people of various nations and from different states; nationwide struggle in the enemy's rear in the occupied territories of the USSR; participation of women in the Resistance movement; lives of former participants of the Resistance movement and Ostarbeiters during the post-war period; preservation of historical memory of the war and many other.

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