

## SUMMARY. №5 (126). 2014

Issue 5 of 2014 is fully dedicated to various aspects of Belarusian history, and also contains a large collection of literary works.

The issue opens with a text by a historian from Minsk **Cimafiej Akudovič** titled «A Jubilee With Eyes Shut: Arguments Over The 1863 Uprising». In this article some disputable questions are adressed concerning the 1863—1864 uprising on the territory of Belarus. The questions the author addresses were not seriously considered by the researchers last year, which was a jubilee year of the uprising.

A historian **Julij Karaliou** in his article «On The Real Scale Of Stalinist Purges In Belarus», criticises the propensity of many Belarusian historians towards exaggerating the numbers of Stalinist terror victims who suffered from purges in 1920—1950. He doesn't deny the atrocity of Stalinist totalitatian regime, but gives his own estimates of the number of victims.

The issue features a first-time Belarusian translation of an article by a renowned Polish historian **Henryk Łowmiański** «Sviatopolk In Bierasce (Brest) In 1019» in which an important episode of internecine struggle among Russian lords after the death of Kiev king Vladimir the Great.

A scholar from Kryčaŭ **Siarhiej Astankovič** in his article «Karal Barysovič A Nasha Niva Member From East Mahiliou Region» describes the biography and creative heritage of a little known Belarusian movement personality of early XX century.

A student **Palina Skurko** in her article «The Image Of China And Chinese People In The Eyes Of Belarusians In 1920 — 1930-S» studied the formation of the image of China and its inhabitants among East and West Belarusias of the interbellum period via mass media and personal contacts.

A German historian **Alexander Friedman** in his article «The Least Known Country Of Europe» studies the image of Belarus and Belarusians that existed in the press of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg in 1918—1944.

Two articles by German historians are dedicated to questions of World War II on Belarusian territory and nearby territories: An article by **Christian Ganzer** «German And Soviet Casualties As An Indicator Of Duration And Intensity Of The Battle Of Brest Fortress» and an article by **Sebastian Stopper** «“The Road Is German”. Soviet Guerilla And Its Military Effectiveness. A Research Into The Logistics Of Wermacht In Briansk Region In October—July Of 1943».

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A Uniat priest from Hrodna rev. **Andrej Krot** in his article «Theological And Ethical Grounds For Canonization» studies this question based on the example of the well known bishop of Lithuania Iosif Siamaška.

A scholar from Germany **Felix Ackermann** in his article «The Special Aspects Of The Sovietization Of Memory In West Belarus» outlines the peculiarities of historical memory of West Belarusians in comparison to East Belarusians and studies the conditions under which the differences took shape.

The literary part of the issue contains three texts: A translation of a short novel by a Polish writer **Sergiusz Piasecki** «The Life of a Disarmed Man» a piece of ironic fantasy with elements of grim humour and self-derision. «The Destroyer» by **Sciapan Sturejka** and a translation of a historical tragicomedy by **Arvidas Juozaitis** «Heart In Vilnius»

The issue closes with two reviews: «The Way To Nation Via Soviet Belarusization» by **Dzmitryj Badzievič** of «Marková, Alena. *Sovětská bělorusizace jako cesta k národu. Iluze nebo realita?* — Praha: «NLN», 2012. — 262 s.» and a review «Salvation From Utopia To History. Minsk» by **Lajos Pálfalvi** of «Klinau, Artur. *Minszk. Az almok Napvarosa / Ford. L. Pálfalvi.* — Budapest: Kairosz Kiadó, 2012. — 168 oldal».