

Issue # 5, 2017 of “ARCHE” journal deals with some World War II history aspects which are unknown, forgotten or forbidden in Belarus.

The issue opens with a text by a German historian **Christian Gerlach** “The German Plans Of Belarus Colonization, 1941 To 1944 and The Volksdeutsche Problem”. The piece is a fragment of a large study titled “Kalkulierte Morde: die Deutsche Wirtschafts- und Vernichtungspolitik in Weißrussland 1941 bis 1944. 2. Auflage. Hamburg: Hamburger Edition, 2000. 1232 S.” (Calculated Murders: German Economic Policies and the Politics of Annihilation in Belarus, 1941 to 1944). The whole book has been translated recently into Belarusian by “ARCHE” journal.

Of all parts of Europe under Nazi rule during World War II, Belarus suffered perhaps the most devastating destruction and, in the course of brutal murder operations, the greatest decimation of its population. Gerlach analyses the goals and deeds of Nazi central authorities and the atrocious practices of the SS, Wehrmacht, and police units in Belarus and draws on the previously separate histories of institutions, everyday life, and economics under Nazi occupation, revealing to-date unrecognized connections between economic interests and mass murder.

A historian from Warsaw **Jury Hryboŭski** in his article “The Belarusian Committee In The General Government, 1941 To 1944” deals with activity the Belarusian national activists in the territory of occupied Poland.

The issue closes with a contribution by a scholar from Germany **Eka-terina Keding** “A Victorious Breakthrough Or An Utter Defeat? German Occupation, Soviet Partisan Movement and Collaboration In Museums Of Viciebsk Region”. The author studies the reflection of WWII German occupation period, soviet guerilla resistance and local-Nazi collaboration in the expositions of several museums of Viciebsk region.