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Abstract

The image of Italy in the Russian collaborative press, 1941-1944: a case study of northwestern Russian newspapers

In the occupied territory of Russia, Nazi propaganda services organized the publication of newspapers and magazines. They paid special attention to the issue of forming a positive image of their policy towards various Soviet peoples and territories. Fascist Italy and its leader Benito Mussolini were of special interest. The achievements of Italy during his reign were described in detail. But, besides political articles, there were publications about the history and culture of Italy. However, the main thesis of Nazi propaganda was the assertion that practically all European countries (Germany, Italy, Finland, Hungary, Spain and others) was fighting against its common enemies – Bolshevism and Anglo-American Jewish capitalism – enemies of the Russian people.

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