



Efimov and nazi-Germany in cartoons

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Introduction

The basis for this publication with political drawings of Boris Efimov is the in 1943 in Moscow and Leningrad published booklet 'Hitler and his gang'.

This Russian edition was put at our disposal by Kostas Anagnostopoulos. There were a few pages missing in the copy of which we will try to find the contents. The publications of History in the classroom are meant for teachers and students in history education. Teachers can use 'loose' cartoons in various contexts during their lessons.

For students this booklet can be a source for research in context of a paper. On the right are suggestions for this purpose.

Efimov on nazi-Germany and the Second Worldwar

An example of a possible main question with sub-questions are below:

Main questions:

What picture does Efimov paint of:

- a nazi Germany,
- b and of the battle of the Soviet Union against nazi Germany in the period June 1941 - end of 1943?

Possible sub-questions:

- 1 a Which Nazi leaders does Efimov mostly attack and what picture does he paint of each of them?
b And of what does he accuse other nazi leaders?
- 2 Describe the aspects of the war in Eastern Europe which Efimov highlights.
- 3 Which important aspects of the war in Eastern Europe are neglected by Efimov?
- 4 Most of Efimov's cartoons concern the Soviet Union and nazi Germany. Which cartoon(s) concern other participating countries? And which picture does he paint of these countries?
- 5 In what way is Efimov's view influenced by the time and the country in which he lived and by his personal background?


Efimov and the leaders of Russia

From a historical view it is also worth exploring the life of the cartoonist besides the cartoons. Use the internet for collecting the required data. Please note that Boris Efimov is also spelled Boris Yefimov.

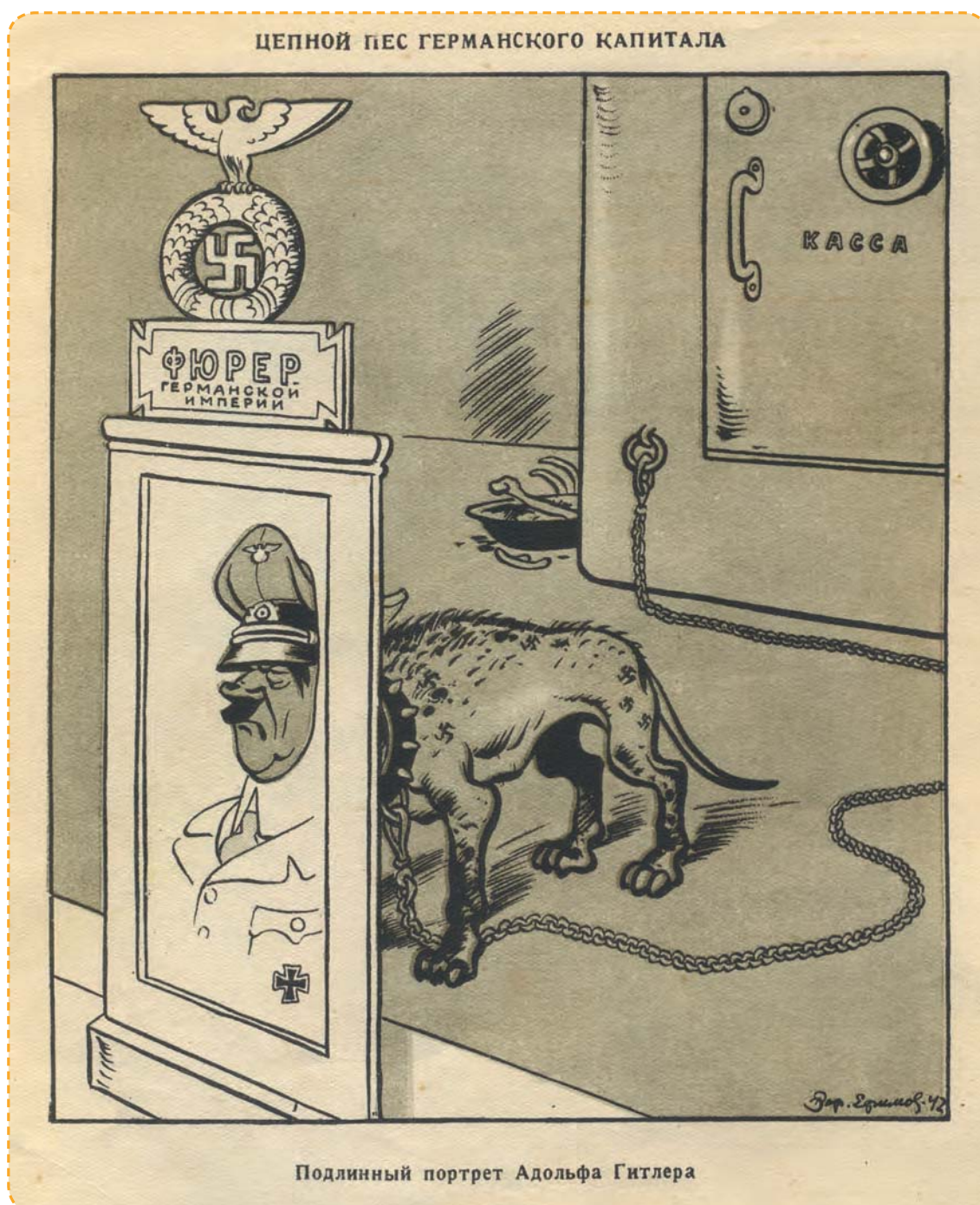
Efimov lived through all important periods in the history of the Soviet Union: the civil war, the battle for power after Lenin's death, Stalin's dictatorship, the World War, the de-installment, the collapse of the Soviet Union and the birth of the new Russia.

Two main questions are central in this:

- 1 What attitude did the leaders of the Soviet Union have in relation to Efimov during each of these periods?
- 2 a What attitude did Efimov have in relation to the leaders of the Soviet Union in each of these periods?
b What were Efimov's motives in doing so?



2 Efimov on Nazi-Germany (1933 - June 1941)



02

Title: The dog on the chain of German capital

Caption: The real portrait of Adolf Hitler

In the cartoon:

- on the left: Führer of the German Empire
- on the right: checkout



03

Title: Their Führer

Caption: Hitler: Millions follow me!!!

In the cartoon:

- *persons:* Vöglér (Albert Vöglér, Nazi-minded industrial), Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach, (Carl Krupp von Bohlen und Halsbach: chairman Supervisory Board chemical concern IG Farben), Siemens (Carl Friedrich Siemens: chairman Supervisory Board electronics concern Siemens AG)
- *on the lectern:* National Socialist Workers Party




04

Title: Military operations of 'Reichsmarschall' Göring

Caption: Metal to the front and metal from the front

In the cartoon:

- on the left: share the concerns of Hermann Göring
- on the right: war profits



3 Efimov on the war (June 1941 - end of 1943)



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Title: Quartered ...

Caption: Hitler makes winter apartments available NEAR Moscow, which he promised to his soldiers



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Title: 'Moscow in the fix'

underneath: The enemy already began to learn 'my Moscow' in Russian ...

No, try to conquer it first and then you can twist your mustache (meaning 'rest')

(A. Tvardovskiy, Sage of Moscow)

Caption: Which pair of tongs is the sharpest?

place names (between the tongs): Kaluga, Tula, Ryazan, Mozhaysk



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Cartoon above left

Title: Brauchitsch is the scapegoat
on the document on the tail: The plan of the lightning
victory over the USSR for the coming winter

Cartoon above right

Title: New Strauss Waltz

Caption: In the battle for the city of Kalinin our troops
destroyed the German 9th Army of Colonel-General
Strauss

Cartoon below

Caption: Brauchitsch, Kleist, Bock, Strauss, Guderian
and the other 'invincible' German generals carry the
coffin (winter 1942-1943)

on the coffin: The myth of invincibility of the German
army