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Sunday Morning at the Marxist Library

Battle of Kursk

Largest Battle of WWII

This will be the third and the last in the series of videos screened at NPML with a Marxist analysis provided by John Murcko & Raj Sahai.

The Battle of Kursk was the largest battle of World War II. It resulted in the decisive victory of the Soviet Army and the Soviet productive forces developed under socialist construction launched in 1928 collectivization of agriculture and in 1929 industrialization drive to modernize USSR economy.

“Do you want our socialist fatherland to be beaten and to lose its independence?” Stalin asked in a famous February, 1931 speech. “If you do not want this you must put an end to its (USSR's) backwardness in the shortest possible time and develop genuine bolshevik tempo in building up the socialist system of the economy [...] We are fifty or a hundred years behind the advanced countries. We must make good this difference in ten years. Either we do it, or we shall be crushed”.

Germany attacked on June 22, 1941 with a highly mechanized army consisting of 3.5 million men, confirming Stalin's foresight and estimate of the time frame almost precisely.

The battle of Kursk involved over two million soldiers, 6,000 tanks and 4,000 airplanes. The offensive of Kursk launched by Germany on July 4, 1943; was stopped in 9 days and the Soviet counter offense drove the Germans back to the starting point. Kursk battle saw the destruction of the best Panzer divisions and gave the initiative in the war to the Soviets.

Discussion and Q.A. session to follow the presentation.

Sunday, April 12, 2015 - 10:30 am to 12:30 pm
6501 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland (just North of Alcatraz Ave.)

Seating is limited, so plan to come early. We start promptly.

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About Sunday Morning at the Marxist Library

A weekly discussion series inspired by our respect for the work of Karl Marx and our belief that his work will remain as important for the class struggles of the future as they have been for the past.

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