

Germany's Attack on Russia & Beyond

Operation Barbarossa

I.) Agreement in 1939 _____

a.) When did it take place?

b.) Who are the men in the cartoon?

c.) The cartoon is entitled "Someone is Taking Someone for a Walk." What is the cartoonist suggesting?



II.) Russia since Agreement

III.) Why Invade?

IV.) Success of Initial Assault: Conflict Phase 1 (June 22, 1941-Dec 1941)

A. German Preparation:

The Führer thinks that the action will take only 4 months; I think - even less. Bolshevism will collapse as a house of cards. We are facing an unprecedented victorious campaign. Cooperation with Russia was in fact a stain on our reputation. Now it is going to be washed out. The very thing we were struggling against for our whole lives, will now be destroyed. I tell this to the Führer and he agrees with me completely. -Joseph Goebbels

"We have only to kick in the front door and the whole rotten Russian edifice will come tumbling down." -Adolf Hitler

"Have you weighed up what you are undertaking in an attack on Russia?" - Field-Marshal von Rundstedt to Hitler

What we had was good enough to beat Poland and France, but not good enough to conquer Russia. The space there was so vast, and the going so difficult. We ought to have had twice as many tanks in our armoured divisions, and their motor-infantry regiments were not mobile enough. -Wilhelm von Tholma commander of 2nd Panzer Division,

B. Russian Problems:

C. Complete Surprise:

D. Allied Response

"I have only one purpose, the destruction of Hitler, and my life is much simplified thereby. If Hitler invaded Hell I would make at least a favorable reference to the Devil in the House of Commons."

V) Why didn't they succeed in year 1?

A. Warnings of Mein Kampf

B. Military Decisions



"My Generals know nothing about the economic aspects of war. Of primary importance before the outbreak of winter isn't the capture of Moscow, but rather the occupation of the Crimea, of the industrial and coal-mining area of the Donetz basin, the cutting of the Russian supply routes from the Caucasian oil fields and the Ukrainian wheat fields." -**Adolf Hitler**

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"Hitler's strategic aims were based primarily on political and economic considerations... (The Army High Command)) on the other hand rightly contended that the conquest and retention of these undoubtedly important strategic areas depended on first defeating the Red Army. The main body of the latter, they argued, would be met on the road to Moscow... **Erich von Manstein**

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C. Extensive Terrain

D. Fall

E. Logistics

F. "Normal Life"

G. Winter Time

Cartoon C



1. What is cartoon B referring to?
2. How did Hitler's actions here effect his plans for Russia?

1. Describe what is happening in cartoon C
2. How does it describe the difficulties Hitler is facing in Russia

VI. Stage 2 - Soviet Winter Counteroffensive (Dec 41-May 42)

VII. Stage 3 - Where now? (May 42-Nov42)

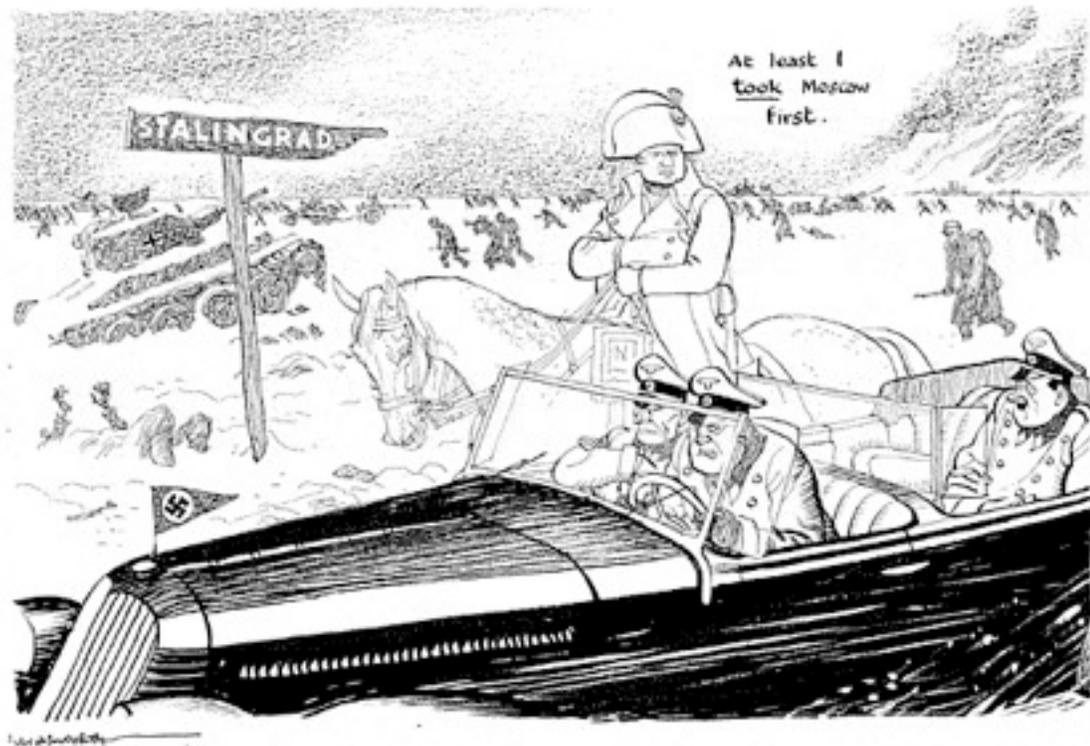
Moscow-

Leningrad & Archangel-

Caucases-

Stalingrad

VIII. Stage 4 - Soviet Counteroffensive (Nov 42-July 43)



A. Who are the figures in the Cartoon?

B. What key event is being referred to?

C. Who is on the horse?

D. What does this cartoon assume about eventual German chances for victory?

