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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence
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SUBJECT : WARSAW PACT JOURNAL: Conference of Authors
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Headquarters and Technical Committee of the
Combined Armed Forces

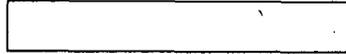
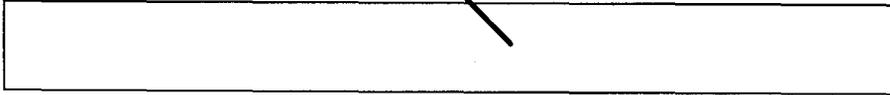
1. The enclosed Intelligence Information Special Report is part of a series now in preparation based on articles from a SECRET Soviet publication called Information Collection of the Headquarters and the Technical Committee of the Combined Armed Forces. This article outlines the topics discussed at the first conference of the authors and readers of the publication. It reveals that the conference and publication place overriding emphasis on improving combat collaboration among Warsaw Pact forces. The conference also emphasized the importance of exchanging experience in order to improve combat readiness and the training of staffs, troops, and naval forces; and to exchange thoughts so as to develop common views on operational art, tactics, and modern problems of military theory and practice. This journal is published by Warsaw Pact Headquarters in Moscow, and it consists of articles by Warsaw Pact officers. This article appeared in Issue No. 11, which was published in 1976.

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Summary:

The following report is a translation from Russian of an article from a SECRET Soviet publication called Information Collection of the Headquarters and the Technical Committee of the Combined Armed Forces. This journal is published by Warsaw Pact Headquarters in Moscow, and it consists of articles by Warsaw Pact officers. No author is listed for this article. This article outlines the topics discussed at the first conference of the authors and readers of the aforementioned publication. It reveals that the conference and publication place overriding emphasis on improving combat collaboration among Warsaw Pact forces. The conference also emphasized the importance of exchanging experience in order to improve combat readiness and the training of staffs, troops, and naval forces; and to exchange thoughts so as to develop common views on operational art, tactics, and modern problems of military theory and practice. The article also cites numerous other military topics that were discussed and reports the general recommendations that were made for the improvement of the publication. This article appeared in Issue No. 11, which was published in 1976.

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CONFERENCE OF AUTHORS AND READERS OF THE INFORMATION
COLLECTION OF THE HEADQUARTERS AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
OF THE COMBINED ARMED FORCES

In March of this year, in accordance with the plan of combined undertakings for the Combined Armed Forces, the first conference of authors and readers of the Information Collection of the Headquarters and Technical Committee was held in Budapest.

The purpose of the conference was to take stock of the activities of the past five years in publishing the Information Collection, and to exchange views on ways to further enhance the theoretical level of the publication, refine its format, and improve the contents of the articles published. The conferees also had the task of analyzing the contribution of the authors to the working out of problems involved in further strengthening combat collaboration between the armies of the member states of the Warsaw Pact, in raising their combat and mobilization readiness, and in improving operational and combat training, troop control, development of the branches of the armed forces, branch arms, and special troops, rear services and technical support, the employment and development of armament and combat equipment, as well as to the working out of other problems in the training of staffs, troops, and naval forces.

The delegations from all the allied armies and the Headquarters of the Combined Armed Forces taking part in the work of the conference were headed by the directors of operational and military science organs.

The conferees heard a report by the editorial board entitled "The Results of the Work of Preparing and Publishing the Information Collection and the Tasks for 1976". In the report it was noted that publication of the Information Collection was initiated through the mutual agreement of all the allied armies. Its first issue came out in 1970 -- during an important period in the formation and all-round improvement of the military organs of the Warsaw Pact Organization, a period of the development of specific forms of practical activity in the training of staffs, troops, and naval forces with extensive use of the experience of allied armies. It was emphasized that along with other familiar methods of exchanging work experience, it was also necessary for this purpose to have a periodic publication. In five years ten issues of the Collection have been

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published, containing over 200 articles, comments, and other material. Over 240 generals and officers of allied armies, and of the Combined Command, Staff, and Technical Committee have appeared on its pages. The report also took up in detail the format of the Collection and the projected orientation of the material, and contained a thorough analysis of the articles concerned with the various aspects of troops training. Here it was emphasized that the format of the Collection is not rigid. The life of the troops, their combat training, and the tasks which arise, have generated and can continue henceforth to generate new topics and give direction to the subject matter of the articles in the light of the requirements of the allied troops.

It was particularly noted that the questions of deepening and widening combat collaboration among the allied armies run through all the articles in the Collection. In the formation and development of the Collection authors from all the allied armies made major contributions. They have been most cooperative in working up articles in line with the plan of the editorial board. This has helped to develop common views on a broad range of questions of military theory and practice, and to incorporate advanced experience in the matter of combat readiness and operational and combat training.

In the conclusion of the report on the topics in the Collection, the tasks and basic directions of the plan for the work of the editorial board in 1976 were outlined. The report was supplemented and expanded on in the speeches by representatives of all the allied armies.

An active and businesslike discussion of the report by the conferees made it possible to deeply and thoroughly analyze the thematic content of all the issues and map out ways of further improving the Collection.

All the delegates unanimously noted the international significance and the practical benefit of the articles in the Collection in the matter of further strengthening combat collaboration among the fraternal armies, exchanging experience in the training of staffs, troops, and naval forces, solving a number of present-day problems in the development of operational art and tactics, in the employment of branch arms and special troops, and in control and all-round support.

The address by General-Mayor S. MICHEV was listened to with interest. It dealt with questions of the practical significance of the Collection for generals and officers of the Bulgarian People's Army, and also analyzed the question of how problems of conducting offensive actions over mountainous

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forested terrain are reflected in the Collection.

The address by the leader of the delegation from the Hungarian People's Army, General-Mayor Laslo DAMO, set forth interesting material. His analysis of the need to synthesize the experience of combined exercises and include it in the pages of the Collection will be taken into consideration in the work of the editorial board. The examples he cited of measures being taken in the Hungarian People's Army for efficient transmittal of the materials from the Collection to generals and officers deserve attention.

The leader of the delegation from the National People's Army of the German Democratic Republic, Colonel H. GAST, made a thorough analysis of the importance of the Collection's articles in supporting the strengthening of combat collaboration among allied armies and the development of common views on questions of troop training.

The speech by Colonel Ya. NEBUDKOVSKI was listened to with interest and attention. It described how the Information Collection is being received in the Polish Armed Forces, and also gave an analysis of the exposition in the Collection of questions of troop control and the organization and conduct of radioelectronic warfare.

The address by the leader of the delegation from the Army of the Socialist Republic of Romania, General-Leytenant K. PETCU, emphasized the practical significance of the articles in the Collection in the matter of exchanging experience between allied armies. The example he cited concerning the all-round interest of readers of the Army of the SRR in the materials in the Collection confirms its role in also raising the overall level of knowledge of generals and officers of the allied armies.

The thoroughly documented address by the leader of the delegation from the Armed Forces of the USSR, General-Leytenant M. A. GAREYEV, on the impact of the articles in the Collection on the development of the theory and practice of combined combat actions by troops and naval forces, pointed up the need for the Collection to deal with new questions of military theory, and to enhance the research role of articles in the resolution of various problems of modern combat and operations and of the employment of branch arms.

The leader of the delegation from the Czechoslovak People's Army, Colonel V. LOKAICHEK, emphasized particularly in his address the need for further elaboration in the Collection of the problems of combat

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collaboration among allied armies. He noted that the idea of further improving the different forms and methods of strengthening combat collaboration between fraternal armies run through the articles in all ten issues of the Collection.

The thematic presentations by General-Major A. I. PALIY, Colonels M. STOYANOV, M. LAPOSH, M. ZIGERT, Ya. NEBUDKOVSKI, T. YAKIM, and Z. KATZ, Captain First Rank F. MINOV, and Lieutenant Colonel-Engineer M. ABRAMOVICH dealt in detail with various problems stemming from the need for further all-round treatment in the Collection of the problems of modern combat and operations, of the employment of branches of the armed forces, branch arms, and special troops, and of support.

In addition the conferees analyzed the methods of operation of the editorial board, and ways and methods of expanding and activating the authors' collective. Also noted was the major role played by the Collection in the matter of further stepping up military science work in allied armies, and the need was stressed to publish materials containing an element of research and creative polemics.

The delegations from all the allied armies submitted to the editorial board for consideration a number of proposals for further improving the contents of the Collection by expanding the number of articles on questions of operational art, tactics, the employment of branch arms, and the conduct of combat actions under the special conditions applicable to a given theater of military operations. Many expressed the desire for more extensive treatment of questions of organizing cooperation among coalition forces, and of combat readiness, operational and combat training, and combat support.

The conferees were in unanimous agreement concerning the need to increase the number of articles on problems of further strengthening combat collaboration and educating personnel in the spirit of internationalism, and of an all-round exchange of experience and of methods of training staffs, troops, and naval forces.

The conferees devoted particular attention to the problem of interpreting in the Collection the experience of the Great Patriotic War and the need to make use of this experience in actual troop training as it pertains to modern requirements.

A number of proposals of an organizational nature were also advanced, and a desire was expressed for closer coordination with authors on the

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drafts of articles, especially when editorial changes have been made in them.

Most of the comrades who addressed the conference not only discussed how certain questions had been treated in the Collection and what should still be done in this direction, but themselves laid down certain basic propositions on particular features of preparing and conducting offensive actions under special conditions:

- on the practical importance of a broader and more comprehensive discussion in the Collection of questions of preparing and conducting major combined exercises (General-Mayor L. DAMO);
- on questions of troop control (Colonel Ya. NEBUDKOVSKI);
- on questions of encircling and destroying major enemy groupings, and of neutralizing armored targets by fire (General-Leytenant M. A. GAREYEV);
- on further strengthening combat collaboration among fraternal armies and on measures being taken on this matter in the Czechoslovak People's Army (Colonel V. LOKAICHECK);
- on questions pertaining to naval subjects (Captain First Rank F. MINOV);
- on certain questions of preparing combined exercises by the Combined Armed Forces (Colonel M. STOYANOV);
- on problems of radioelectronic warfare (General-Mayor A. I. PALIY);
- on questions of troop combat readiness (Colonel M. ZIGERT);
- on combat readiness and the combat employment of rocket troops and artillery (Colonel T. YAKIM).

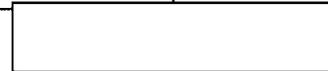
The businesslike and frank discussion of the report and the speeches of the generals and officers of the allied armies will make it possible to more deeply and thoroughly assess the work of publishing the Collection, and to map out measures designed to make the Collection even more meaningful and satisfy the demands of the readers to the greatest extent possible.

All the proposals and wishes of the delegations from the allied armies were well-argued and permeated by a feeling of concern for further improving the Collection in the interest of strengthening combat collaboration among fraternal armies.

During the conference its participants became familiar with the organizational structure of the Zrini Publishing House and exchanged experience in the designing of printed publications.

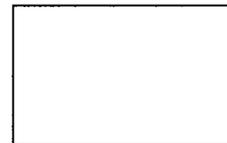
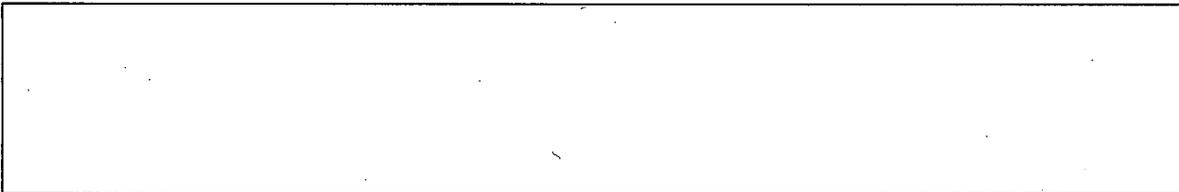
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The conference was on a high organizational level and evolved for all practical purposes into a scientific methods conference of the representatives of the general (main) staffs of the allied armies, designed to further improve the contents of the Information Collection and deepen research and the all-round discussion in print of the questions of strengthening friendship and cooperation among the fraternal armies. The course of the conference and the speeches made by the participants confirmed the interest of all the allied armies in further expanding the exchange of experience of operational art, tactics, training of staffs and troops, and strengthening combat collaboration among the armies of the member states of the Warsaw Pact.



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