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Yu.A. Zhdanov on the essential nature of fascism

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*Rector of the RSU Yury Andreevich Zhdanov was a front-line soldier; all four years of World War II he served in the Department of the Main Political Administration of the Red Army, which was engaged in propaganda among the enemy troops. He had to delve into all the gloomy depths of Nazi ideology, in the originals to get acquainted with the fascist "literature" on racism. After the war, in 1945, Yu.A. Zhdanov published an article entitled *The Imperialist Essence of German Racism*, in which he argued that German fascism arose on the basis of an alliance between the German imperialists, who were distraught after the defeat in the First World War, with the "refuse of humanity" like Hitler and Rosenberg. The Nazis declared war on all the spiritual gains of humanity, the ideas of democracy, humanism and the equal rights of peoples. They cultivated the spirit of racial exclusivity and arrogance among the German people. The article describes a number of features of fascism. Half a century after the Victory, Yu.A. Zhdanov published the article "The Social Nature of Fascism" (1995), in which he determined the essential nature of fascism as a social phenomenon, which consists in subordinating disparate reactionary political movements to the interests of large financial and industrial capital.*

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