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## Conference

WORLD WAR II – A 50-YEAR PERSPECTIVE,  
at Siena College, Loudonville, New York,  
1–2 June 1995:  
Call for Papers

Siena College is sponsoring its ninth annual international multidisciplinary conference on the fiftieth anniversary of the Second World War. The focus for 1995 will be 1945, though papers dealing with broad issues of earlier years will be welcomed. Appropriate topics include, but are not limited to: the air war; the Italian campaign; the war in north-west Europe from the elimination of the Bulge to the Rhine crossings, from the meeting on the Elbe to surrender; the North Atlantic; naval war in the Pacific from Okinawa and the Philippines; the Red Army; the liberation of ancient capitals and the liberation of the camps; governments in exile from London to Moscow; literature; art; film; diplomatic, political and military history; biography – Hitler and Mussolini, De Gaulle and Roosevelt, Churchill and Truman; Yalta and Teheran; popular culture; minority issues; women's studies; Asian, African, Latin American and Near Eastern topics; religion, pacifism, conscription; Home Front events – rationing, sports, education, price control, reconversion; post-war planning as well as draft resistance and dissent will also be of considerable interest. Inquiries about chairs and commentators are invited as well. The deadline for submissions is 1 December 1994. Replies and inquiries should be addressed to: Professor Thomas O. Kelly, II, Department of History, Siena College, 515 Loudon Road, Loudonville, New York 12211-1462, USA (telephone 518 783-2595, fax 518 783-4293).

## New Journal

### *Soudobé dějiny*

*Soudobé dějiny* (*Contemporary History*) is a new journal which is being edited and published by the Institute of Contemporary History of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic in Prague (see Noticeboard in the March 1992 issue for information on the Institute of Contemporary History). The editors define 'contemporary history' as the history of the twentieth century, and they are especially concerned to make it a scholarly discipline in Czech universities and academic institutions. One goal is to recover the history of the recent past; another is to integrate it within the mainstream of contemporary history research and writing in the scholarly world at large. Although primarily a Czech history journal, it offers its pages to historians of Slovakia as well, particularly until they are able to set up their own

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journal. While the language of the journal is Czech, substantial summaries are provided in English.

Each issue will concentrate on a theme: the first issue looks at the Warsaw Pact intervention of 1968. The contents include an article by Jan Měchýř entitled 'Marginalia on the Legend of 1968', which looks at events significant for the unfolding of the Prague Spring; an article by Antonín Benčík entitled 'Ludvík Svoboda and August 1968', which gives a political profile of the President and looks at his role during August 1968; a reprint of an article written immediately after 1968 by František Graus entitled 'Historical Study of the Question of Power', which looks at social power structures; and an article by Robert Sak entitled 'General Gajda's Revenge', which looks at the life of a commander in the Czechoslovak Legion during the Great War and his subsequent involvement in Russian politics. The journal also prints a number of documents relevant to the Fund of the Republic, František Kriegel (his last speech), and 'letter of invitation'. There are also a number of reviews.

The theme of the second issue is the German occupation and German-Czech relations.

Submissions are welcomed from historians abroad. For information on submitting a manuscript (which can be in other languages) or on subscribing to the journal, write to the editors (Vilém Prečan and Emanuel Mandler), *Soudobé Dějiny*, Ústav pro soudobé dějiny AV ČR, 118 40 Praha 1, Vlašská 9, Czech Republic (telephone 02 24 51 02 07-8, fax 02 24 51 05 50).