

1941, soon after Hitler's armies had attacked, and with Stalin's dissolution of the Comintern and the re-establishment of the Moscow Patriarchate in 1943. Today, we see the opening of a total of 22,000 Russian Orthodox churches. Russia is resurrecting the Pan-Slavic ideal and once again seeking "friends" among her kin beyond her borders.

Averinstev's *Novy Mir* article makes clear the point that "Orthodoxy," to Moscow, is defined not in terms of populations who are Orthodox, but encompasses the *ecclesiastical boundaries* of the various Eastern Orthodox patriarchates. This is a blatant admission of expansionist intent; it would add to the domains of "Holy Russia" most of Yugoslavia, all of Greece and Albania, at least parts of Turkey, including Istanbul and the strategic Turkish Straits, Syria, the Levant, Israel, and other regions of the Near East.

To be sure, expansionist aspirations of Muscovy will not stop at the gates of Istanbul, the shores of the Adriatic, or Anatolia. *Novy Mir* issued a "death sentence" against the Catholic Church and Pope John Paul II, stating Holy Russia's mission as ensuring that "all the Christians shall be under one rule." In another swipe at the Polish pontiff, Catholic Poland and Lithuania were singled out as having historically exemplified the Western "enemies" of Holy Russia along its western frontier.

The coherence of contemporary Slavophile hatred of Western culture is evident in Vladimir Lichytin's "historical observation" about the origins of Russophobia. According to him, Russophobia was invented by the Roman Catholics, who passed it down to Czar Peter the Great and other Westernizers in Russia's history.

Last but not least, the *Novy Mir* piece, which denounced the "decision of compromise" at the Council of Florence—which momentarily reconciled the Catholic and Orthodox churches on the theological issue of the *Filioque*—minced no words in saying that the intended territorial expansion would embrace *all* of Christian Europe. What we know and cherish as Europe and Western Civilization would dissolve into a western extension of a Muscovy-ruled Eurasia.

Gorbymania in the Western world has blinded people from seeing that the Soviet Union is entering a phase of outright fascism, which, with the "Black Millions," the revival of the Pan-Slavic imperial drive, and the latest Soviet military advancements, represents the most dangerous threat to Western civilization ever.

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