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The Department of History at the United States Air Force Academy will sponsor the Tenth Military History Symposium on 20-22 October 1982. The theme of this year's program is "The Home Front and War in the Twentieth Century." The twenty-fifth Harmon Memorial Lecture in Military History, the symposium keynote address, will be presented on Wednesday evening, 20 October, by Professor John Morton Blum of Yale University. Professor Blum will lecture on "War and American Society, 1941-1945." The symposium will include four sessions, two on Thursday, 21 October, and two on Friday, 22 October.

Session I, on Thursday morning, "The Quest for National Unity in the Great War," will be chaired by David F. Trask (Chief Historian, U.S. Army Center of Military History). Allan M. Winkler (University of Oregon) will comment on papers presented by Dennis E. Showalter (Colorado College), David M. Kennedy (Stanford University), and Gunther Rothenberg (Purdue University).

Russell F. Weigley (Temple University) will chair the afternoon session on "The Sinews of War: Economic Mobilization in World War II." Papers will be presented by Wilhelm Deist (Military History Research Office, Federal Republic of Germany) and Paul Koistinen (California State University, Northridge). Robert D. Cuff (York University, Toronto) will serve as commentator.

The social highlight of the symposium will be Thursday evening's banquet at the Academy's Officers' Club. Following the banquet, David Culbert (Louisiana State University) will speak on the use of motion pictures as propaganda devices in an address entitled "Hollywood Goes to War."

Under the chairmanship of Richard H. Kohn (Chief, Office of Air Force History), Session III on Friday morning will focus on the "Social Effects of War." Richard Polenberg (Cornell University) will comment on papers presented by Arthur Marwick (Open University, United Kingdom), Harvard Sitkoff (University of New Hampshire), and Leila J. Rupp (Ohio State University).

Session IV on Friday afternoon is entitled "Limited War and the Problem of Hearts and Minds on the Home Front." Allan Millett (Ohio State University) will chair, David MacIsaac (Montgomery, Alabama) will comment, while John E. Talbot (University of California, Santa Barbara) and Peter Braestrup (Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars) will present papers.

For further information contact Major Jim Titus who is serving as Executive Director of the symposium. Jim can be reached by phone at 303-472-3230 or by writing the Department of History, United States Air Force Academy, USAF Academy, Colorado 80840.

