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The article deals with several publications of the central mass-media of Peoples Republic of China, which are devoted to different aspects of the Russian-Chinese relations. The author investigates the main trends of the global political situation which comprises the two countries and their political, business and intellectual elite. As the key subject of the article, the freemasonic perspective of the world's transformation into the global federation («the World Union» or «the United States of the World») is examined in the context of the Club's of Rome «ten-region» model, which was presented in 1974. Basing on the analysis of the specified schemes the author indicates the existence of the liaison between the different variants of the global transformation and the interest of the global oligarch groups (such as the Rothschilds, the Rockefellers and Vatican).

The author concludes on the necessity of strengthening the strategic alliance between Russia and China to jointly resist the West expansion.

Key words: Russia, China, Club of Rome, «ten-region» model, globalization, global transformation, «project Syndicate», «the World Union», «the United States of the World», freemasonry, global oligarchy, the Rothschilds, the Rockefellers, Vatican, West expansion.

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Key words: Latvia, Estonia, Russia, Baltic region, non-citizens, crisis, inter-ethnic relations, Russians, Russian language, European Union, NATO, West, United States, referendum.

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Key words: Foreign policy of Russia, strategic partnership, state security, national interests, raw reserves, geopolitical influence, «the Islamic factor», military and political cooperation.

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Key words: Russia, the United States, NATO, EU, the policy of “Reset”.

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Key words: Mass, personnel parties, modern type of parties, party «cars», «kokus», the structurally functional organization of parties, «the party enterprise».

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Key words: state socialism, tariff policy, state expenditure, state economy, reforms, Witte.

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Key words: Peter Stolypin, reform, the strategy of reforms, the Russian statehood, patriotism, national interests.

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This article describes the battle activities of the 393rd Infantry Division, showing the heroic and tragic end of the Kharkov operation on the South-Western Front in 1942.

Key words: South-West, South-Western Front, Cavalry Corps, Cavalry Division, Infantry Division, Infantry Regiment, anti-tank defenses.

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