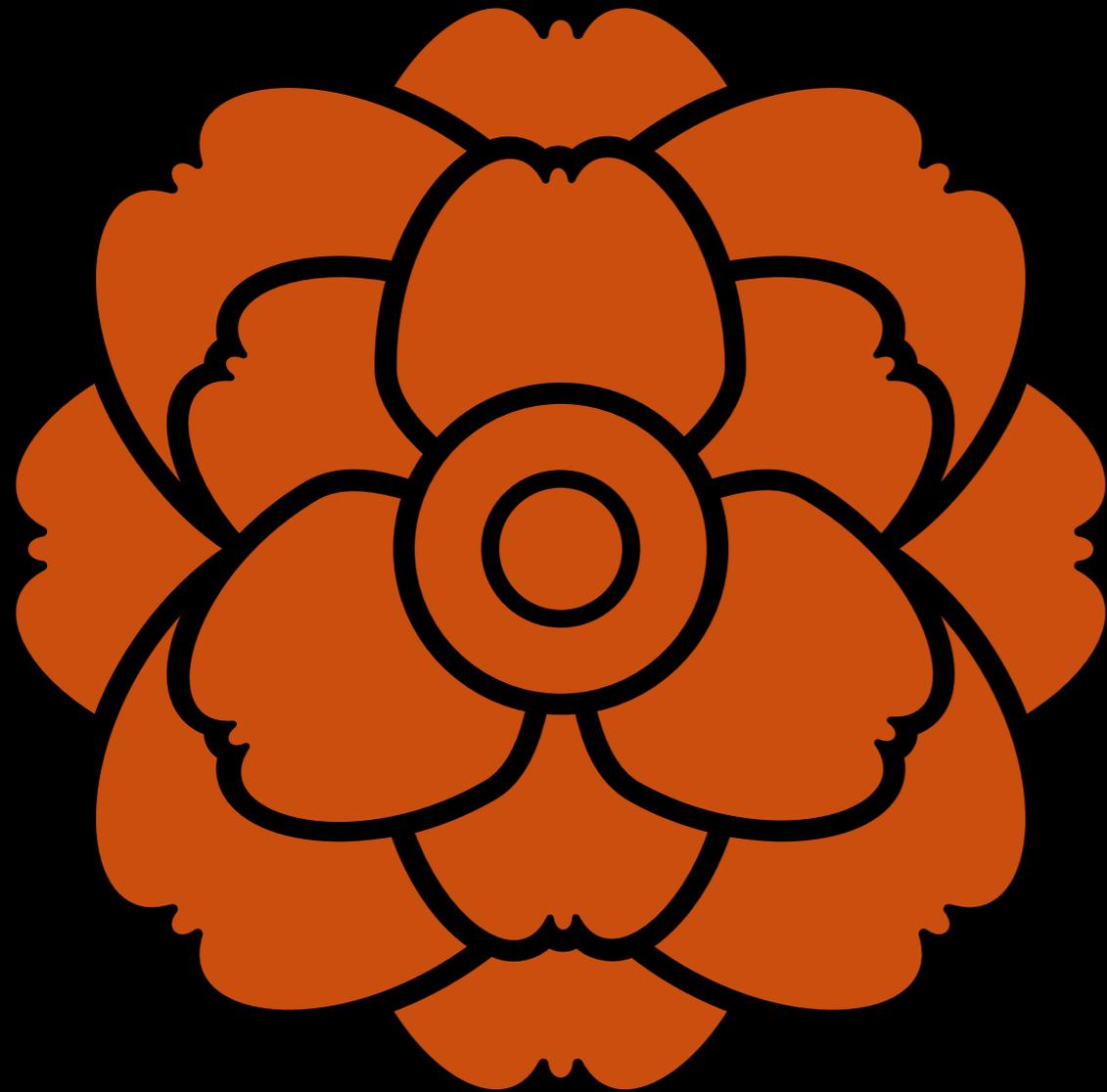


Simulation Support I

Beginnings





Concept and Design

The aim of this simulation is to help the delegates understand the real-time stress of warfare. In particular, it helps the delegates fully grasp the necessity and difficulty of coordination during a situation of great peril. In order to achieve this, we have divided the committee into two autonomous committees each with their specific role in the

Task Force Hana

The Council of People's Commissars

Role: General Strategy and Decision Making

The parent organ of the Soviet Union government, the Council functions as the major political council on involved in the war effort. Delegates in this committee have to adopt a Big Picture approach. They must consider broad strategic decisions and support the ground level execution of their strategy. This body will also discuss the international aspects of the conflict and the larger response that the USSR will give to parties such as the United Kingdom and her allies.

I Response Time Management

Delegates in this session will have to act on information being supplied by the NKVD and other sources in order to succeed in the war effort. To do this effectively, every delegate must be fully aware of their areas of responsibility. Moreover, delegates must ensure that debate is to the point and snappy. They must always remember that any delay in their response will mean the death of countless soldiers. As such, a good rule of thumb that we suggest to the council is to create temporary documents that serve as opening moves.

Opening moves represent actions that are taken initially to gather data and Intel as well as maintain some form of strategic advantage. When planning an opening move, delegates must consider a number of factors. First of all, the most important parameter is predicting the short term effect of the actions that are being proposed, Will the opening move help in reducing the strain on the military? Will it help them gain any new information?

Will it help them contain/defeat the enemy? Remember, opening moves are aimed to create favorable conditions for the future.

II Resource Management

In war, it is quite important to manage resources efficiently.

The delegates will be constantly challenged to maintain and gather new resources to enhance the war effort. We believe that the best way forward for such an effort would be to perform a cost benefit analysis of every action/decision that is taken. This is quite simple in practice. Simply, create a best case and worst case scenario for each action being taken. By listing them against each other in a table format, it will become clearer whether that action is worth taking.

III Periodic Evaluation

Delegates must always stay on their toes. Even when an adequate plan has been created, it needs to be constantly evaluated for its application on a changing situation. The council must unite to generate clear and unambiguous perspectives that the military and other executive branches can process and execute at the ground level. While the executive board may indeed enforce such a period of review, it remains the delegates' prerogative to do so.

NKVD: The People's Commissariat for Internal Affairs

Role: Ground Level Execution and Intelligence Gathering

The major role of the NKVD in this simulation will be to serve as an extra arm of the military intelligence gathering apparatus. While the NKVD was indeed officially declared to be a law and order mechanism, several reports indicate that the NKVD did perform important counter-intelligence roles.

I Intelligence Gathering and Processing

The primary function of the NKVD is to gather and evaluate data from the ground level to aid military and political strategy. Usually, delegates must first decide on the nature of the intelligence they need. To ensure the best strategy, delegates must furnish the Council of People's Commissars (Council, here forth) with the most important pieces of data at any given time. Thus, prioritisation of information will be a key skill.

The next logical step is too understand the relationship between intel and the ground level stakeholder. In this simulation, the major stakeholder will be the Soviet infantry on the ground and its associated forces. All delegates in the NKVD should acquire a working knowledge of the Soviet forces, its strengths and weaknesses. Moreover, when prioritising actions, the delegates must always choose moves that reinforce or strengthen the strategic position of the army.

Depending on the procedures adopted, delegates may work independently, collectively, or both to generate such actions. as such, delegates should thoroughly clarify such procedures from their executive bureau.

II Portfolio Aptitude

Understanding one's portfolio thoroughly is central to the performance of a delegate in the NKVD. Areas of responsibility need to be charted out and overlaps, if they occur, should be reasonably managed. Delegates would be well advised to remember that they are fundamentally playing for the same side. Coordination and cooperation are vital to the effectiveness of the NKVD, and by extension, the war effort. In this regard, when conducting research, the delegates may face challenges in terms of the insufficiency and the opacity of the data they get. To simplify the process, they should address the following questions:

- What is the primary aim of my portfolio? Does it work on the ground? Is it independent or does it work under others/or with others?

-Who would be the people employed under me, in my area of responsibility? What kind of skills would they be expected to possess?

-What is the final endgame of my actions as my portfolio? Which, if any, of the objectives laid out by the Council does it support?

The delegates must also provide analysis of the objectives and orders given to them by the Council. While it is true that the NKVD must function under the mandate of the Council, the delegates must always provide feedback in terms of the viability and possible fallout of the actions/policy changes proposed. Blind faith is certainly not the end goal here. Instead, the delegates of the NKVD must possess impeccable resolve, composure, and above all, a grasp of the situation at hand.