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rarely found in a Western publication. It is the nine-page chapter written by Yao Wenbin, a defense analyst for the People's Liberation Army of the People's Republic of China. He presents the Soviet threat as viewed from the Chinese side of the border. It is most enlightening and, in some ways, reassuring.

There are a few gems in this hodgepodge collection of papers, but they are too few to merit more than a cursory glance. Perhaps we could all be spared books like this if another means of providing vacations for academics and government analysts could be developed so they would not feel compelled to justify "conferences" by publishing their "tickets" for attending.

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McIntosh, Malcolm. *Japan Re-armed*. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1986. 169pp. \$27.50

This is a very pedestrian book on the growth of Japan's postwar defense capabilities. Using mainly secondary sources, it rehashes well-known geopolitical terrain in a manner that is highly sympathetic to advocates of Japan's minimalist defense posture. It is, according to the dust jacket, written by a British journalist working on a doctorate in peace studies. Its prime value (for some) is its clear exposition of antinuclear, antimilitarist, and pro-peace movement sentiments that are

Lider, Julian. *Origins and Development of West German Military Thought: Vol. I, 1949-1966*. Brookfield, Vt.: Gower, 1986. 384pp. \$95.50

Julian Lider is best known for his works on *Military Force* (1981) and *Military Theory* (1983). With this new book, he enters the virgin field of West German military thought. In contrast to most recent writers on the topic, who have stressed either the political aspects of the decision to rearm West Germany or the nature and composition of the *Bundeswehr* under the rubric of *Innere Führung*, Lider seeks to answer the question as to whether there exists a distinct