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exists. Collectivism has become the fact, and individualism a myth. Harrington is still decent enough (or immature enough?) to be shocked that people say one thing and often do another. He also appears to believe that ordinary people possess a great intellectual and moral potential which "the system" perverts and destroys; his socialist system will liberate this great reservoir of largely untapped talent. People are enslaved by an outdated form of economic and social organization; their inadequacies are socially caused and not inherent. The book is recommended as stimulating and serious, but made unduly difficult and confusing by extensive quotation. It illuminates real problems and difficulties, but its prescription is difficult to accept.

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Schwartz, Harry. The Soviet Economy since Stalin. Philadelphia: Lippincott, 1965. 256 p.

This is a report of the ins and outs, the ups aud downs of the Soviet economy since 1953 when Stalin died. In addition, there is a brief review of the Stalin era, which the author claims still haunts the Soviet economy and Soviet society. The Soviet Economy since Stalin is the Soviet story of promising far more than could be achieved, and objectively describes the Russians' plans, their accomplishments, and their disappointments. Mr. Schwartz tells of the key economic issues that probably helped determine the timing of Khrushchev's fall, and attempts to identify his successors' intentions in the area of economic policy. In all, this is a gem of a little book, written by and in the style of a New York Times staffer.

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Sulzberger, Cyrus L. Unfinished Revolution. New York: Atheneum, 1965. 304 p.

This book is a pithy introduction to current problems of American foreign policy. Mr. Sulzberger, writing as a journalist and not as a historian, has produced an excellent, if somewhat oversimplified, survey of the current world. He begins by briefly outlining three major revolutions which have begun since World War I: the Revolution of Technical Means, the Revolution of

communism, and the Revolution of Self-Determination. Mr. Sulzberger is mainly concerned with the third revolution which, he maintains, was proposed by Woodrow Wilson and backed by the power and prestige of the United States. Mr. Wilson's proposals "became fissionable after World War II" because they were joined to the methods of Lenin and the techniques of communications symbolized by Marconi. The United States has experienced difficulties in coping with the Revolution of Self-Determination, the Unfinished Revolution; here Mr. Sulzberger has assembled his compendium of conclusions and advice relative to these difficulties, area by area. He outlines problems facing the United States in Latin America and analyzes the validity of the Alliance for Progress; he characterizes American policy toward Africa as being "compounded of faith, hope, and charity"; he documents the inescapable involvement of the United States in the Near East; he criticizes United States Asian policy as the result of zealous pactomania and warns against indulging too heavily in a policy of "Asia first." The book also examines the role of American economic aid in dealing with problems of the third world. Unfinished Revolution makes interesting reading and is highly recommended for those interested in problems of foreign affairs and counterinsurgency.

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