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mechanisms, and social-economic efforts. The veto, the Secretariat and the admission of members are discussed, as are Suez, the Congo, the International Refugee Organization, and the International Atomic Energy Agency. The book is selective, not comprehensive, and the topics are chosen for the light they shed on the superpower relationship. The author concludes that both the United States and the Soviet Union used the United Nations as a vehicle for the advancement of national interests. The organization has generally been useful more for the Americans than for the Russians, because the United States has successfully involved the United Nations in more activities serving her national interest, and because the United Nations has often been persuaded to do collectively what the United States might have had to do individually. In assessing future trends, the author is optimistic. While the United Nations has some characteristics of a superpower pawn, it has nonetheless moved ahead with a vitality of its own, and the dominant role of national interests need not be an insurmountable obstacle to the growth of the organization. This is a pragmatic and scholarly analysis, highly recommended for any student of international organizations.

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Stone, Jeremy J. *Containing the Arms Race*. Cambridge: M.I.T. Press, 1966. 252 p.

Utilizing his experience gained as a member of the Hudson Institute and the Harvard Center for International Affairs, Mr. Stone treats the subject of disarmament from the very logical premise that any agreement between the United States and the Soviet Union concerning strategic weapons must pose tangible mutual benefits as opposed to one-sided advantages. This basic theme pervades the five chapters of the book, which consider bombers, missiles, missile defense, and proposals to limit strategic force levels. Each chapter puts forth a policy suggestion and then evaluates the various considerations involved in implementation, particularly in relation to the financial, psychological, and security benefits that might accrue to either side. The author argues in concrete rather than the usual general terms and concludes that missile defenses should be avoided; elimination of heavy bombers should be contemplated through informal agreements; Soviet proposals for reduction of missiles to strictly limited numbers might be acceptable; and, finally, a five-year freeze on strategic weapons should be considered. Discussion is based on unclassified source material such as Congressional hearings, *Aviation Week and Space Technology*, *Missiles and Rockets*, and military writings from *The New York Times* and *Washington Star*; however, these are used in a very effective manner, and the data and rationale from which interpolations and assumptions are derived are clearly presented in the text or in footnotes.

Whether one will accept the arguments and conclusions presented or the statement in the foreword that "With this book available no

person need feel that he lacks the information required for a sound judgment on these issues," the book does seem to serve two very useful purposes—it focuses on some of the basic technical and political issues involved, and it reemphasizes the quantity of strategic information that may be obtained from unclassified sources.

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