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Minnesota. With this background of vastness, low fertility and wasteland, the author has attempted to cover all of Russia by geographical groupings of likenesses. As a result, it is hard to assimilate the facts of climate, rainfall, resources, distances, people, etc., of each similar locale as one moves across Russia from east to west, north to south and vice versa. The book abounds in statistical data and, for the general reader, student and/or professional, provides an up-to-date background on our opponent in the struggle for world leadership.

Daniels, Robert V. *The Nature of Communism*. New York: Random House, 1962. 398 p.

The stated purpose of this book is to contribute to the breakup of the vicious circle of fear, hostility and oversimplified misunderstanding of communism. The objective is a definition of the communist movement—an attempt to answer such questions about communism as: What is its real nature? How has it developed? What distinguishes it from other political movements and systems? What does it mean to say that an individual, an organization, or a government is communist? What, apart from nomenclature, do all have in common? What are the sources of such common denominators of the movements?

Grinnell-Milne, Duncan. *The Triumph of Integrity: a Portrait of Charles de Gaulle*. New York: Macmillan, 1962. 334 p.

This is a timely study of Charles de Gaulle in light of the Algerian cease-fire. The author, an RAF liaison officer to General de Gaulle in World War II, was assigned to, and accompanied, his subject throughout the war from 'the Thames via Dakar, Freetown and Lagos, to the banks of the Wouri and the quayside at Duala.' He takes the reader through the many personal triumphs and frustrations of De Gaulle, and the book is generous in its deep admiration. *Integrity* is perhaps De Gaulle's strongest virtue; the book shows how faith in his leadership compels the French to accept his authority.