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BOOKS

Padelford, Norman J. and Lincoln, George A. *Dynamics of International Politics*. New York: Macmillan, 1962. 634 p.

The authors state that 'a revolution of momentous proportions is taking place in world politics. Under the pressures of a new nationalism, driven by the urge for rapid social and economic change, a large number of sovereign states are being born and are making their unsteady way into world affairs.' There is a burgeoning measure of international co-operation in the non-Communist world at the same time that communist forces are proclaiming anew their aim of world conquest. Pressure blocs of new and secondary powers are exerting influences upon international relations hitherto reserved to the great powers. This volume is concerned primarily with the impact of these changes upon America's place in the world; the actions of the United States in the era of the 1960's and 1970's will determine whether America remains a nation with the power adequate to achieve its national objectives. This volume is, in effect, a revision of the authors' previous work, *International Politics*, (New York: Macmillan, 1954), and is recommended as basic reading in the field of international relations.

Johnson, John J., ed. *The Role of the Military in Underdeveloped Countries*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1962. 427 p.

This is a compendium of studies by 11 authors which examines the activities of military organizations and the effects of these activities on the political, economic, and social structures and climates of selected underdeveloped areas. With the exception of the first study by Edward Shils, the volume is easily read. This work provides a broad base for further study of the evolution of specific governments and their current policies.

Conference on a Century of Russian Foreign Policy, Yale University, 1961. *Russian Foreign Policy: Essays in Historical Perspective*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1962. 620 p.

This book comprises a series of essays originally presented at a conference on 'A Century of Russian Foreign Policy: Studies in Historical Perspective,' held at Yale University in April 1961. The aim of the book is to present an evaluation of the present through an interpretation of the past with the purpose of illuminating the future. With 18 outstanding scholars and so broad a subject, naturally there is no complete agreement on any one point, but the book is a