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## The Soviet Cultural Scene

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tative sources — including Hitler's two directives for invasion preparations, which are quoted in full. The theme of the book is that the Royal Navy was the dominant deterrent factor which prevented the invasion attempt. Apparently many other authors have argued that the British Fighter Command played the dominant role. Mr. Grinnell-Milne goes into great detail and often excessive repetition to disprove this theory, and to plead his case for the role of the Royal Navy and the importance of control of the seas.

- Title:** *The Soviet Cultural Scene, 1956-1957.* 300 p.
- Authors:** Laqueur, Walter Z., and Lichtheim, George, eds. New York, Praeger, 1958.
- Evaluation:** A compilation of essays selected from the monthly review, *Soviet Survey*, a periodical that has been published by the Congress for Cultural Freedom since 1956. The essays deal with many aspects of cultural life in the Soviet Union and the Communist Bloc nations. Written during, and designed to cover, the period of the now famous "Thaw" subsequent to the report to the XXth Party Congress, the book represents a substantial contribution to studies of Soviet motivations and Soviet concepts of government control. The book utilizes exclusively Soviet and East European sources of material, and provides considerable insight into the struggle being waged behind the Iron Curtain effectively to control a vast network of countries. The highlights of the book are contained in the last four chapters (27 through 30). In reading these chapters, we are further enlightened on the crises of Stalinism, the Polish uprising, and the Hungarian revolt.

- Title:** *The Great Arms Race.* 116 p.
- Author:** Baldwin, Hanson W. New York, Praeger, 1958.
- Evaluation:** The author presents a thorough analysis of the comparative military power of the United States and the Soviet Union, primarily from the weapons systems aspect and, to some extent, the application of those systems. He concludes with a discussion of the future position of the United States in relation to Russia in the great arms race.

## PERIODICALS

- Title:** *What is Indirect Aggression?*