

The Essential Stalin. Major Theoretical Writings 1905-52. Ed. and with an Introd. by Bruce Franklin. Croom Helm, London 1973. viii, 511 pp. £ 1.95.

The editor, in his introduction, makes an attempt at complete rehabilitation for Stalin, an object of hate for capitalists and Trotskyists, but of veneration for Chinese, Albanians and "the great majority of the Soviet people". Agricultural collectivization, the great purges, the Nazi-Soviet Pact, all are found to be positive achievements. Stalin was wrong on one point only: he underestimated the bourgeois forces (intellectuals) in Russia, who established their power after his death. The documents comprise extracts from *Marxism and the National Question*, *The Foundations of Leninism*, *Dialectical and Historical Materialism*, *Marxism and Linguistics*, *Economic Problems of Socialism in the USSR*, and many others.

SUTTON, ANTONY C. Western Technology and Soviet Economic Development 1945 to 1965. Hoover Institution Press, Stanford 1973. xxxi, 482 pp. Ill. \$ 15.00.

For notices of the first and second volumes of this impressive study, the reader is referred to IRSH, XIV (1969), pp. 313f., and XVI (1971), p. 293. The present volume contains an assessment of the importance of the American Lend-Lease (from 1941 onwards), reparations, political-economic control of Eastern Europe, and the deportation of German scientists and technicians to Russia. The author also investigates financial aspects and the importance of various forms of technical assistance rendered to all kinds of industries (blast-furnaces, synthetic rubbers, plastics industries, etc.). Special attention is devoted to civilian and military means of transport and to atomic energy. A central conclusion is that the Soviet economic system "cannot develop technically across a broad front without outside assistance".

OTHER BOOKS

Kniga V. I. Lenina "Čto delat'?" i mestnye partijnye organizacii Rossii. Permskoe Knižnoe Izdatel'stvo, Perm' 1972. 529 pp.

MATTHEWS, MERVYN. Class and Society in Soviet Russia. Walker and Company, New York 1972. xviii, 366 pp.

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