

translated into German, many subjects are touched on, e.g., “vertical syndicalism”, the underground workers’ organizations, strike movements, suppression from the side of the State, and the meaning of the transition to a parliamentary democracy for industrial relations. Much attention is paid to the *Comisiones Obreras*.

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RUCKMAN, JO ANN. *The Moscow Business Elite: A Social and Cultural Portrait of Two Generations, 1840-1905*. Northern Illinois University Press, DeKalb 1984. xiii, 275 pp. \$ 24.00.

Compared with Thomas Owen’s social history of the Moscow merchants, which was noticed in *IRSH*, XXVII (1982), p. 269, the present volume turns out to be a very different book. Not only are there conspicuous divergencies of interpretation (e.g., regarding the “merchant-Slavophile alliance” and modernization), but unlike Professor Owen Jo Ann Ruckman enters deeply into the philanthropic and cultural achievements of the elite in question. Her well-written book is entirely based on printed sources.

SÜSS, WALTER. *Die Arbeiterklasse als Maschine. Ein industrie-soziologischer Beitrag zur Sozialgeschichte des aufkommenden Stalinismus*. Osteuropa-Institut an der Freien Universität Berlin, Berlin 1985; distr. by Otto Harrassowitz, Wiesbaden. xiv, 283 pp. DM 36.00.

In this study, which focuses on the connection between industrialization and Stalinism, the development of the Soviet Union is interpreted as an attempt to develop a relatively backward country in a non-capitalist manner (which is not the same as in a Socialist way) within a world system dominated by capitalism. The introduction of “modern” production techniques, which attended this non-capitalist industrialization, led to a separation between manual and intellectual work, and to the growth of a stratum of managers dominating over the workers.

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SWAIN, GEOFFREY. *Russian Social Democracy and the Legal Labour Movement, 1906-14*. Macmillan, London, Basingstoke 1983. xiv, 239 pp.

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