

SCHOLARS' GUIDE TO WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR RUSSIAN/SOVIET STUDIES. By *Steven A. Grant*. Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. Washington, D.C.: Smithsonian Institution Press, 1977. xii, 404 pp. \$19.95, cloth. \$5.95, paper.

Although I would like to avoid the reviewer's sin of labeling a book "indispensable," I am forced to rank this as one that all serious researchers in Russian and Soviet fields should know about, that most of them should use, and that many will want to own personally, especially (but not only) if their work is concentrated on the recent period. The aim of the compiler was to cover all of the relevant resources in the immediate Washington, D.C. area as of 1976. The book describes not only libraries and archives, but also other sorts of collections and data banks, as well as a host of public and private organizations, including cultural associations and publications. The groups and institutions treated number several hundred.

The project was sponsored by the Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies and by its parent organization, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. Sergius Yakobson served as consultant and Zdenek V. David—librarian of the Wilson Center and general editor of the projected series of which this volume is the first—served as the editor of this book.

Steven Grant has done his work admirably. He has included names of a great many knowledgeable individuals, together with their telephone numbers, and he has given lengthy and highly informative treatment to large and complex organizations such as the Library of Congress, the National Archives and Records Service, and the Department of Commerce. The arrangement of the material makes it easy to use. There are several kinds of indexes. Except for the often ambiguous resort to the slash for punctuation, the style is clear and direct. Mr. Grant and his sponsors and assistants have done us all a most valuable service. It would be interesting to know how many copies are bought by the Soviet embassy!

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SHATTERED PEACE: THE ORIGINS OF THE COLD WAR AND THE NATIONAL SECURITY STATE. By *Daniel Yergin*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1977. xii, 526 pp. \$15.00.

Daniel Yergin's effectively written book covers the years between the Yalta Conference and the Berlin blockade which marked the end of the wartime alliance. Of all the Cold War studies that abound, *Shattered Peace* is probably the most thoroughly researched. The impressive bibliography contains dozens of interviews and unpublished private papers, many of which provide new and enlightening information. Although his is a revisionist interpretation, Yergin maintains an appropriate distance from other revisionist writings which alternately blame America's economic imperialism, multilateralism, and an alleged anti-Soviet purpose for the first atomic bombs. By contrast, Yergin's culprit—and I believe rightly so—is America's fearful suspicion of Soviet intentions which, in the postwar years, produced a mirror image, that is, a negative interpretation of all Russian actions regardless of what their real purposes were.

According to Yergin, the Soviet Union can be seen as a revolutionary state which denies the possibility of coexistence and aims at world mastery—the Riga axiom—or as a traditional Great Power that operates within the international system without any intention of overthrowing it—the Yalta axiom. The two labels have the advantage of facilitating presentation and of satisfying the reader who wants uncomplicated answers. At the same time, however, they not only oversimplify complex issues but