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## The New Image-Makers: Soviet Propaganda and Disinformation Today

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The diversity of these books indicates that the PLA's modernization is not a subject easily treated in a single work. Together, however, they make a significant contribution to American understanding of the Chinese armed forces and the likely direction of their employment in the future.

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Bittman, Ladislav, ed. *The New Image-Makers: Soviet Propaganda and Disinformation Today*. Washington D.C.: Pergamon Brassey, 1988. 262pp. \$24.95

*The New Image Makers* deals with a topic that frequently is not given the attention it merits: the Soviet Union's extensive effort to sow disinformation and influence the world's media against the United States. Mr. Bittman is no stranger to this field, having worked in this capacity for Czechoslovakian intelligence. Today he heads the Program for the Study of Disinformation at Boston University.

He brings together information from noted authorities in the field. Especially interesting are various contributors' exploration into the dilemmas and changes to the traditional Soviet approach to propaganda and the media caused by *glasnost*.

*The New Image Makers* is well worth the time it takes to read. It provides insight into an area of danger to the United States in the age of the "global

village" where, at the right moment, a distorted media picture can do greater harm to our national interests than several divisions of Soviet tanks.

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Richelson, Jeffrey T. *The U.S. Intelligence Community*, 2nd ed. Cambridge, Mass.: Ballinger, 1989. 485pp. \$16.95

This book is meticulous in detail and thoroughly documented. It is a reprise of Richelson's first edition of four years earlier. The 1985 edition, available from the same publishing house, was a landmark work in its scope and quality of research. Nevertheless the 1989 edition manages to surpass its predecessor by a significant margin.

Second editions of any book face a special test: should those who have already read the first edition invest their valuable time and money to revisit the subject? In this case, the answer is definitely yes. Anyone with more than a passing curiosity about intelligence should read *The U.S. Intelligence Community*. Those who have a special interest should own a copy, even if they already hold the first edition.

The revised edition is one-third larger, and fully half of the book is new or rewritten material providing original information. It examines the Unified and Specified commands in much greater detail than the first