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Peaceful Co-Existence

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Phillips, Ruby Hart. *Cuba, Island of Paradox*. New York, McDowell, Obolensky, 1959. 434 p.

R. Hart Phillips is well-qualified to author *Cuba, Island of Paradox*, as evidenced by the fact that she has been a resident of Cuba since 1920 and a staff correspondent of *The New York Times* in that country since 1937. The paradox to which Mrs. Phillips refers involves the never-ending fight waged by the Cuban people for the freedom which a succession of dictators continues to deny them. The details of this struggle, from Machado to Castro, cover the past 26 years, during which period eleven different governments have been in control. With each new government, the masses were promised that corruption would cease, that economic conditions would improve and that the incoming administration would not resort to brutal police methods to enforce their policies. These promises, of course, were never kept. The most interesting part of this work from the viewpoint of the War College reader can be found in the final chapter. Here the author supplies, in capsule form, her views on the effectiveness of Castro's reform program; on the success of the Communists in influencing the Castro government, the labor faction and the people; and on United States' policies toward Latin America in general and Cuba specifically. While the story is completely factual and uncensored, the long parade of miscellaneous and frequently minor characters who amble through the diary-like passages tend to detract from the principal theme, and the abundance of details is likely to become monotonous to the average reader.

Kulski, Wladyslaw W. *Peaceful Co-Existence*. Chicago, Regnery, 1959. 662 p.

With 27 years in the Polish diplomatic service, culminating in his position as Minister to London during 1940-1945, Mr. Kulski is extremely well-qualified to write about the intricacies of modern power politics. He describes in scholarly fashion the continuity of Soviet foreign policy since 1917. The entire discussion is thoroughly documented with 45 pages of footnote

references and thirteen pages of bibliography. This book is indispensable reading for an understanding of the cold war. It explains the flexible morality which permits a Communist sincerely to expound such absurdities as, "A national struggle directed against a capitalist state was to be supported by the Communists because it tended to weaken the imperialist chain. A similar movement against the socialist state, however, was to be looked upon as a crime against the revolution." It also lists the strategic mistakes which the Communists made after World War II in their treatment of newly independent, underdeveloped nations and how they have realized these mistakes and are starting a "new approach to underdeveloped countries which is not going to be amateurish."

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Cooper, William G., Vice Adm., USN. "Antisubmarine Warfare." *Sperryscope*. Fourth Quarter, 1959, p. 2-6.

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There are differences between Russia and China, but they are similar societies opposed to the rest of the world, and China needs Russian aid and technique in her industrialization program. The author states that the Chinese-Russian unity has been fostered by the American China policy.

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Biorklund, E., Adm., Sweden. "Soviet's Methods of Expansion." *Air Power*. Autumn 1959, p. 17-24.

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