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Bromke, Adam and Uren, Philip E., eds. *The Communist States and the West*. New York: Praeger, 1967. 242 p.

Thirteen authors are represented in this collection of papers and lectures edited by Adam Bromke and Philip E. Uren. The common theme throughout the book is as stated by the title; however, the subjects range from Canada's role in East-West relations, to Vietnam, to Soviet policy toward underdeveloped countries. In tracing the evolution from the postwar rigid polarization between Moscow and Washington, as the two superpowers with their respective allies, to the current polycentrism, some very arresting views are presented. This is in part attributable to the fact that with only four exceptions the authors of the articles are Canadians. These writers place the happenings between the East and West in a different light from that in which they are normally viewed by Americans. In consequence, the observations may be regarded perhaps as controversial, but surely as highly interesting. The book is recommended to both staff and students.

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Cantril, Hadley. *The Human Dimension: Experiences in Policy Research*. New Brunswick, N.J.: Rutgers University Press, 1967. 202 p.

Following the trends of public opinion, learning how public opinion is affected by events, evaluation of public opinion in terms of the future — in short, discovery of the state of mind of a nation and its policy implications — such is the human dimension described by Professor Cantril. He introduces the book with two examples of social research, those obtained in Cuba and the Dominican Republic; then he considers the theory behind such research

and the tools used. The major portion of the book is spent in relating illustrations of different types of policy research accumulated during the period extending from World War II to the present day. In the last chapter the author discusses the use of policy research in U.S. Government operations.

In spite of the millions of dollars spent by Government and private sources for social science research of one kind or another, there actually is still very little such research initiated or even utilized by those responsible for Government policies on either the domestic or foreign fronts. The whole concept of research concerned with the psychological and political dynamics of people simply has not yet been effectively geared into the United States Government operation.

The author builds his case by recounting successful examples of his policy research exploits over the years; however, failures are not mentioned. He has treated the mechanics of this type of human research rather lightly but has provided several graphic examples of the results of his work. Although the book is a little weak in some areas, Professor Cantril makes a good case for the use of what is often an overlooked ingredient in our governmental decisionmaking. The book makes interesting reading for the "layman."

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Coats, Wendell J. *Armed Force as Power*. New York: Exposition Press, 1966. 432 p.

Armed Force as Power by Brig. Gen. Wendell J. Coats, U.S. Army, is a detailed analytical study whose purpose is to examine selected critical conceptual mechanisms that have been operative in the interrelation of military force and political power. It is the published manuscript of an original dissertation submitted by the author as