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Socialism Re-examined

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to choose one or the other. When this occurs, regardless of the choice, the almost inevitable result will be a slippery slide toward Red Chinese domination.

This is an excellent book, well written by an author with no apparent axe to grind. The objective and unemotional treatment makes it highly recommended reading for the Naval War College.

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For over forty years, the author has been a leading proponent of Socialist philosophy in this country. From this intimate association, he has in this book set forth a most enlightening review and appraisal of Socialism's history: its ambitions, aspirations, successes, and failures. Against this backdrop, Mr. Thomas analyzes the current world situation in all its aspects in the context of the possible answers to problems that may be found in current Socialist doctrine. In so doing, he includes a valuable exposition of what he views as good and bad, current and out-dated, in the teachings of Marx. In particular, he provides incisive criticism of that aberration of Socialism—Communism. In brief, Mr. Thomas views the world's problems essentially as manifestations in one form or another of socioeconomic injustice and imbalance, on both national and international levels. Therefore, his proposed solutions are weighted very heavily in the direction of controlled redistribution of the world's resources for the betterment of human beings the world over. Essential to this process are a strengthening of the supranational powers of the United Nations; multilateral controlled disarmament; improved programs, preferably United Nations-ministered, of economic aid to the emerging nations; and worldwide birth control. As he himself states in his foreword, Mr. Thomas raises more questions than he answers. His views and evaluations are provocative, whether or not one agrees with him.

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