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International Communism and World Revolution

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the major episodes and turning points in the history of the relations between the Soviet Union and the West from the Revolution of 1917 until the end of World War II. The myths about the Soviet-West relationship which have been fostered by Soviet historians are very effectively refuted, while still not concealing the shortcomings of the West in this relationship. This work is highly recommended for those who desire background data before proceeding to deal with any specific subject area concerning Soviet foreign policy.

Nollau, Gunther. *International Communism and World Revolution*. New York: Praeger, 1961. 357 p.

Dr. Nollau has attempted to present in one volume a complete picture of collaboration between the parties of the working classes in their international revolutionary movement. He has approached this task with a historical and analytical presentation of "proletarian internationalism" from the time of its inception in 1864 until the present day. The quality of this work is best summed up by Leonard Schapiro in the foreword of the book:

It is well known that it is no easy task to maintain standards of serious scholarship when writing about communism. Yet it is just this that Dr. Nollau seems to me to have achieved. In spite of the difficult task of compression which he has had to undertake in the interest of space, his account never loses in clarity. His assertions of fact are fully documented and his conjectures, where conjecture is unavoidable, are clearly indicated as such and the reader is led to the sources upon which the conjectures are based.

This book is suggested as a guide for students of international communism.