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## The United States in the World Arena

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## BOOKS

Heilbroner, Robert L. *The Future as History*. New York, Harper, 1960. 217 p.

In *The Future as History* Robert Heilbroner has written an entirely reasonable and sadly depressing essay on the nature of the world in which our children and grandchildren will have to live. Its nature will be formed, Mr. Heilbroner observes, by the same major historical forces as are tormenting and transforming it today. He describes these forces with confidence and in general terms, but with complete conviction. Most of his generalized prophecies are supported with a wealth of economic, political and historic arguments.

Grimes, Alan P. and Horwitz, Robert H., eds. *Modern Political Ideologies*. New York, Oxford University Press, 1959. 535 p.

In this book, the graduate student of political science or international relations will find an excellent reference for his studies and understanding of the various political ideologies.

Brzezinski, Zbigniew K. *The Soviet Bloc: Unity and Conflict*. Cambridge, Mass., Harvard University Press, 1960. 470 p.

This is the first attempt at a comprehensive analysis of the relations among Communist states.

Rostow, Walt W. *The United States in the World Arena*. New York, Harper, 1960. 568 p.

This essay, an excursion into our past, present and future, tackles the almost all-inclusive problem of who we are, how we got here and where we are going. The scope of the work is little

short of unbelievable. The author takes the reader through an analysis of the history of the United States, internally and internationally, but always staying within the bounds set by the question: How must we change to keep what we already have?