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to make Stalin into "Good Old Uncle Joe," the action of Communist partisans in France, Italy, Yugoslavia, etc. is finally unveiled to the public for the first time. Showing Stalin in his true colors as one of the greatest butchers of all time, the truth of the Katyn Forest Massacre of the officers of the Polish Army is very grippingly portrayed. The third story, the murder of Mussolini and the robbery of the huge Italian treasure in currency and bullion with which he was attempting to flee, is laid to the Italian Communist partisans. The story of French arch-criminal Dr. Petiot is somewhat out of place; the doctor is a murdering charlatan who appropriated the life savings of French patriots and then murdered them as they attempted to escape to Switzerland via the underground. The final three stories deal with war crimes of German Major Walter Eeder, General Ramoke and Admiral Raeder, and are an interesting and apparently authentic report of certain of the war trials. Although the book is allegedly objective, much of the material is highly critical of the Allies in World War II. Because of the great credit invariably given to Germans and the German Army, the author's bias is quite clear.

Saposs, David J. *Communism in American Unions*. New York, McGraw-Hill, 1959. 279 p.

The manner in which this book is documented with names, dates, places and quotes indicates the completion of a very thorough research project on the part of the author. It would appear that the documentation must be true, or Mr. Saposs would be spending the rest of his life in court answering libel suits. The tactics and progress of Communism into the trade-union movement is traced from the initial trial and error growing pains commencing about the beginning of the present century, through the rise and fall of the Industrial Workers of the World, to the present-day American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations. Meticulous descriptions are given of the step-by-step techniques actually used by the Communists in acquiring, or attempting to acquire,

control of the various trade unions. Particular vividness is given to the covert activities among the various trades in the Hollywood film industry, and the reasons for desiring control of this entertainment medium. The concluding chapters deal with the legislative attempts to limit the adverse power of Communism, and their effects on the never-ending effort to control the trade unions.

Plischke, Elmer. *Summit Diplomacy.* College Park, Md., University of Maryland, 1958. 125 p.

A brief but carefully written book describing various types of "summit diplomacy." As the subtitle indicates, the emphasis is on summit diplomacy by the United States, although not limited to it. The author demonstrates that summit diplomacy (negotiating at the highest level) may take several forms. Among the forms discussed are: state visits, personal communications, summit conferences and the utilization of personal diplomatic representatives. None of these is really new, although most of them have been utilized to a far greater extent in the last two decades than heretofore. In a final chapter, the author presents an appraisal of summit diplomacy, and concludes that the advantages outweigh the disadvantages, but warns against risks and potentially serious pitfalls. An excellent background for the Eisenhower-Khrushchev talks and such summit conferences as may be forthcoming.

PERIODICALS

Taylor, John W. R. "U. S. Air Power in the Sixties." *Air Power*, Summer 1959, p. 263-270.

Notes continued U. S. plans for manned bombers as contrasted to Britain's policy of eventual reliance on guided missiles, and goes on to report on how the U. S. Air Force and Navy visualize their future aircraft and missile needs.