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FOREWORD

The purpose of this Special Edition of **INFORMATION SERVICE FOR OFFICERS** is to pass along some of the excellent lectures relating to Russia, the Soviets, and Communism to the officers of the naval service. The resident students of the Naval War College have found such lectures as these tend to stimulate a desire for additional knowledge of this great land mass with its two hundred million souls; moreover, they inspire further study of the factors which have enabled the Politburo to gain some control over eight hundred million humans.

I consider the naval officer of today must have a thorough understanding of the factors involved in the development of a national strategy which will effectively support our national interests. In war or in time of uneasy peace one should know his adversary. These lectures deal with an important aspect of the world situation which must be considered. It is hoped that they will serve to stimulate the interest of the reader in this subject. Enclosed herein is a brief bibliography which may be of benefit to the officer who desires to expand his knowledge.

The Naval War College is deeply indebted to the lecturers who have generously devoted the time and effort to edit their lectures, and who have cheerfully given permission to publish them here for the benefit of the officers throughout the service in all parts of the world.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. Conolly". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned centrally below the main body of text.



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