

# Herald and News Book Reviews

## Literary Highlights

**RUSSIA SINCE 1917.** By Fredrick L. Schuman. Knopf.

For centuries the western mind has been baffled and dismayed by the mysteries of the Russian soul.

Is Russia at last beginning the change from a land of suspicion, fear and hopeless regimentation to a nation whose people are prepared to cope with a modern social structure?

Schuman, an able historian and expert on the mysteries of the Russian personality, seems to think the revolution is in process. He presents a broad canvas of Russian history from the time the Mongol invasions imprinted their indelible stamp on that nation's curiously ambivalent personality.

His finding is that despite 40 years of repression under Stalin, there is hope for the Russians, because Stalin had to educate the Russians in order to industrialize the country.

"Stalin's totalitarian police state brought into being a community that can no longer be governed by the police methods of totalitarianism," Schuman writes. "In sundry ways, not yet altogether clear in 1957, the 'dead letters' of the (Stalin) constitution of 1936 were in painful process of having some breath of life infused into their empty symbols. . . . The Stalinist state, having in some measure expiated for the crimes committed in its name by educating Russia, was in process, four decades after 1917, of ceasing to be a Stalinist state."

Schuman's book, a summation of the events and causes behind these significant changes, is a valuable contribution to the mass of literature on the mysteries of Muscovy.

**LONG WARM WEATHER CYCLE AHEAD.** By Hideo Nishioka. International Economic Research Bureau.

If you're fascinated by the weather—and who isn't?—one of the most thorough projects in the field is described in this book, subtitled "History of Cold and Warmth," by this scientist at Tokyo's Keio University.

Nishioka believes the world is getting warmer, and that profound changes in the way people live are in the offing—years away, but coming.

He thinks he has discovered 700-year cycles of cold and warmth: it was cold, he says, in the 38th century B.C., the 31st, the 24th, and so down to the 18th century A.D. And it was warm in the 35th and 34th centuries, B.C.; the 28th and 27th; and so on in groups of seven centuries to the 15th and 16th A.D. The next warm peak, he says, will be in the 22nd and 23rd centuries.

He buttresses his conclusions with tree rings, the north and south movement of sea lions, horse chestnut trees and mounds of sea shells, and the finding of ancient snow goggles in climes now more tropical.

In North America, he notes that Montreal now has the weather New York was having in 1850; that the northern limits of tufted titmice and opossums have moved from southern Iowa to northern Minnesota; that water levels in the Great Lakes are rising.

He naturally writes mostly of what he has found in Japan, and the profusion of Japanese names makes for hard reading a good part of the time. But if you master this, you are sure to find his studies highly interesting.

**THE UNQUIET GERMANS.** By Charles W. Thayer. Harper.

In 1943, Hans and Sophie Scholl, young brother and sister, passed out anti-Hitler leaflets in Munich and were beheaded for it.

This is about as far toward revolution as the Germans got, says Thayer, who has known them almost a quarter century thanks in

part to U.S. consular and embassy assignments.

He then explores other aspects of the German character, the pressures brought by friend and foe to mold it, and the tradition behind it on occasion clashing with modern forces. Keeping always in mind this rare couple ready to die for liberty, he notes more conservative or reactionary manifestations:

The refusal to admit the Jews were slaughtered, the persistence of Nazi convictions, the willingness to flirt with Russia, the return of the Krupps, the rebirth of the army.

Thayer thinks American pulling and hauling confused the Germans, and cites Eisenhower's refusal to meet their generals when hostilities ceased contrasted with his gracious greeting to them when we wanted a new German army. He also claims the carefully drafted "unconditional surrender" terms were lost by Bedell Smith, who hated them, so that only substitute documents were available for signature at Rheims.

His not novel conclusions are that Adenauer is at the moment the key to the situation, and that except for the burden of civil service, Bonn stands a better chance than Weimar ever did.

## Tito's Life And Times Seen With Objectivity In Biography

**THE HERETIC: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF JOSIP BROZ-TITO.** By Fitzroy Maclean. Harper. \$5.95.

World War II produced few leaders about whom Americans vociferously held such violent and such contradictory opinions as Tito. Yet the war was well along before we heard of him at all and even then we weren't sure of his name — Broz? Tito? Did he fight in Spain? Was he a detested Communist? Or one of the good Communists we found it hard to distinguish from democrats?

Mihajlovic and Cetnik — we spelled Mihailovich and Chetnik — those were almost the first strange-sounding words to reach us from beleaguered Yugoslavia. The government had tried to parley with Hitler, the rash people could not stomach the deal, and Belgrade had been flattened mercilessly by bombers. Then in the mountain retreats sprang up resistance bands. Even Churchill and Roosevelt knew only of Mihajlovic for he got the publicity, and that is one of the points made by this author, who has been acquainted with Tito since the British parachuted him in for liaison with Tito's ragged, ill-equipped and conquering Partisans. Americans first read a defense of him in Louis Adamic. Here is a full scale biography, objective but friendly; Tito probably wouldn't like it in Belgrade bookstores but he would not mind if the West said no more against him than this.

Early interested in social justice, he was captured in World War I by the Russians and saw some Bolshevik activities. Back in his native land in 1920, says Maclean, he became a Zagreb Communist, but a loyal, all-out Communist owing allegiance to Moscow first and Yugoslavia second.

There are stirring accounts of guerrilla activities, of the deadly feud with Mihajlovic, of the crucial bickering with both East and West; and there's a fantastic close-up of Stalin being a jolly good fellow. The break with Stalin came when Tito publicly changed his mind and decided he owed allegiance first of all to Yugoslavia.

For all his posturing, his gaudy uniforms, his benedicta chest, the bust of Napoleon on his desk, Tito is a key figure in our world. We liked him because he was a Communist, then disliked him for it.

## Current Best Sellers

**FICTION**  
BY LOVE POSSESSED, James Gould Cozzens.

ON THE BEACH, Nevil Shute.  
PEYTON PLACE, Grace Metalious.

RALLY ROUND THE FLAG, BOYS! Max Shulman.

THE WORLD OF SUZIE WONG, Richard Mason.

**NONFICTION**

BARUCH: My own story, Bernard Baruch.

THE HIDDEN PERSUADERS, Vance Packard.

THE NEW CLASS, Milovan Djilas.

WHERE DID YOU GO? OUT. WHAT DID YOU DO? NOTHING, Robert Paul Smith.

THE DAY CHRIST DIED, Jim Bishop.

**THE COVER**  
The cover picture for this week's Herald and News Magazine Section of Klamath Basin Living was taken by staff photographer Don Kettler with a 4 x 5 Crown Graphic camera set at f 20 and 100th of a second with a K-2 yellow filter to bring out the cloud effects.

## Fall Lists To Offer Variety Of Reading

By W. G. ROGERS

NEW YORK, (AP) — "Cornflake Crusade," "North American Head Hunting," "The Call Girl," "The Education of a Poker Player," "Motels, Hotels, Restaurants and Bars," "Why We Behave Like Americans," "Does Man Survive Death," "How to Live with a Neurotic"—these titles give you an idea, but not really an adequate one of the unlimited range of reading which the versatile and generous publishers are making available to you this fall.

The length of the lists seems to indicate the choice is bigger than ever—and so does the staggering number of copies under which already this month a critic's desk begins to sag and threatens to collapse.

Highlighting the lists are names with which every reader is familiar, so familiar first names may be dispensed with: Sagan, McCul-

How do you stand on Colin Wilson? The author of the popular "The Outsider" follows it up with "Religion and the Rebel."

From the writers already mentioned there are coming these books: "Those Without Shadow," Françoise Sagan; "The Square Root of Wonderful," Carson McCullers; "J. B.," Archibald Mac-



**AUTHOR** Archibald MacLeish, will offer his new book "J. B." for publication this fall.

Leish; "America as a Civilization," Max Lerner; "A Death in the Family," James Agee; "English Eccentrics," Dame Edith Sitwell.

There also will be the much touted "Not by Bread Alone," by Vladimir Dudintsev, the Communist who writes with hazardous frankness about his land.

Other scheduled fiction is: "The Violated," Vance Bourjaily; "The Return of Lady Brace," Nancy Wilson Ross; "Maggie-Now," Betty Smith; "Something About a Soldier," Mark Harris.

From Edwin O'Connor comes "Benjy: A Ferocious Fairy Tale." Ogden Nash will write about "The Christmas That Almost Wasn't."



**FRANCOISE SAGAN** is another prominent writer who will have a new book out this season. It will be "Those Without Shadow."

lers, MacLeish, Lerner, Agee, Sitwell (Edith, not one of the brothers) and many others.

**MANY AUTOBIOGRAPHIES**  
More artists than usual are writing their autobiographies, or are being written about, or are appearing in handsome picture books: Picasso, Calder, Shahn, Dali, Chagall, Rodin, Michelangelo.

Besides, some unusually fine art books are promised: Rome, Venice, Vienna, South America, the whole wide world in collections of photos, records of Flemish art, American art. In particular you will want to bear in mind "300 Years of American Painting," a Time magazine project by Time editor Alexander Eliot. Frank Lloyd Wright is doing "A Testament."

Biographies and autobiographies of a long list of leaders in various fields, the living and the dead, are upcoming also between now and Christmas: James Whitcomb Riley, Byron, Fanny Burney, Verlaine, Steinbeck, Roger Williams, Bernard Baruch — the Margaret Coit biography following the autobiography — Walt Disney, Conrad Hilton, Branch Rickey, David Dubinsky.

**CIVIL WAR POPULAR**

Is the Civil War your pet subject? There will be "This Was Andersonville," by John McElroy. Do you lose sleep over the battle of the ideologies? Then you must read "The Naked God," Howard Fast's story of his break with communism. Do you want to know the record of the Atlantic? There is "Jubilee: 100 years of the Atlantic," edited by editor Edward Weeks and Emily Flint. Are you interested in history? There will be "Atlas of World History."

## Civil War Book Disputes Theory

**HOW THE MERRIMAC WON.** By R. W. Daly. Crowell.

The judgment of history has been that the famous encounter between the Merrimac and Monitor in Hampton Roads in 1862 was a drawn battle, with the long range effects strictly favoring the Union. Now, in this slender volume, Daly endeavors to reverse the judgment. He argues that the strategic victory belonged to the Merrimac and the Confederacy.

Daly is associate professor of naval history at the U.S. Naval Academy. He did not set out with any preconceived notion but reached his conclusions along the path of his meticulous, arduous research.

In the first place, Daly argues, the Merrimac's potential was vastly overrated. Although its initial strike at the Union fleet spread terror along the Atlantic coast from Washington to New York, he demonstrates convincingly that the Merrimac was too ponderous and clumsy to venture into the open sea, and never was intended for anything more than harbor defense.

## Author Of The Week



**SIR FITZROY MACLEAN**

author of "The Heretic: The Life and Times of Josip Broz-Tito," has had a career with more thrills than come to most authors. Born in 1911, educated at Eton and Cambridge, a member of Parliament, he was called by Churchill, who was then planning to parachute him into Yugoslavia for liaison with the guerilla forces of Tito, "a man of daring character." In the diplomatic service before the war and a wide traveler, he saw combat with the Cameron Highlanders.