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Quoting extensively from original sources — the writings of Marx, Lenin, Stalin, and other Red leaders, as well as the documented testimony given before Congressional Investigating Committees — the author outlines in a systematic, step-by-step presentation the dangers confronting the free world. His book is one of the clearest and most comprehensive works on communism known to this reviewer.

The conspiratorial movement is lucidly recounted, giving the student a digest of its historical development and nutshell biographies of communism's leaders.

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1. What do the defenders of communism say?
2. How does a people build a free nation?
3. What is free enterprise capitalism?
4. Did the early Christians practice communism?
3. What is the secret weapon of communism?

This book is a veritable encyclopedia of communism in one brief volume. It is well indexed and contains an extensive bibliography.

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A Guide to Anti-Communist Action

By *Anthony T. Bouscaren*. Chicago, Illinois: Henry Regnery Company. 244 pp. \$4.00.

DR. BOUSCAREN, a professor of Political Science at Marquette University, has served up a double portion: a handbook for the initiated anticommunist and a primer for those who have the convictions but are in dire need of knowledge about communism in theory and practice. In addition, he reprints

seven notable papers bearing upon his subject by such experts as John Foster Dulles, David Sarnoff, and Hanson Baldwin.

Bouscaren makes it clear that the battle for men's minds is every bit as important as the missile program. As it stands now, anticommunists are losing the vital battle for the mind to the opposition because we have failed to be as dedicated, forceful, and articulate in defense of our way of life as they have in defense of theirs.

The author is disturbed by the double standard and great inconsistency of American liberals who were quick to denounce Nazi tyranny but have found it difficult to admit that communism belongs in the same category. Consequently, we have witnessed the rise of a new species, the anti-anticommunists who regard anticommunism as a greater threat to America than communism.

Dr. Bouscaren tells who some of these people are; and on the positive side, he appends a recommended list of organizations, books, periodicals, columnists, and commentators.

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📖 Congress and the American Tradition

By James Burnham. Chicago, Illinois: Henry Regnery Co. 363 pp. \$6.50.

THIS BOOK is distinguished in two ways. Even at a time when good writing is one of the casualties of the "liberal" debacle, it is good writing; even at a time when calm logic seems lost in the hypnosis of mass manias, it is calm and logical. Burnham knows Latin, which is one of the lost bases of style, and he loves noble rhetoric. Thus his book delights the artistic mind and has that lost validity which comes from saying beautifully what you see clearly. And, though he has a positive philosophy, he engages in no special pleading, no grinding of literary axes, no manhandling of reality in the Procrustean bed of theory. The book is what art ought to be and generally isn't. It is what science ought to be but seldom is.

Burnham divides his exploration of Congress into three parts. He studies the American system of government and the place of Congress therein; he explores the present decline of Congress; and he probes the present decline for a prognosis of future demise—or recovery. In all these he combines two things in happy synthesis: a comprehensive, often startlingly original, understanding of history;