

to seek additional justification through the distortion not only of the history of Finland, but of that of Soviet Russia, and of Europe generally, as well.

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EASTERN EUROPE: HISTORICAL ESSAYS. Presented to Professor Milos Mladenovic on his sixty-fifth birthday by his students. *H. C. Schlieper*, general editor. Toronto: New Review Books, 1969. 251 pp. Paper.

The historical essays presented to Milos Mladenovic are a miscellaneous assortment ranging from the prehistoric Finn to World War II. Nineteen students of the respected Yugoslav professor of McGill University have written brief essays (averaging ten pages plus footnotes) in honor of his sixty-fifth birthday and have done their homework well. None of the contributions presents much original information, and some of the articles are better than others. The most interesting, at least for the novelty of their subjects, are the studies by A. Balawdier on "Canadian Fears of Soviet Competition, 1929-1932" and Joseph Tarnovecky on "Canadian Press Reaction to the Sale of Alaska." The most scholarly, if somewhat esoteric, are A. C. Hobbs's essay on Ottoman feudalism, Edward Laine's on "Tacitus and the Pre-Historic Finn," and G. E. Orchard's on the frontier policy of Boris Godunov. The rest of the contributions are competent.

A striking feature of the Festschrift is the youth of the authors and the fact that they are associated with small Canadian and American colleges and universities. It is encouraging to note that interest in Slavic and East European history transcends the academic empires established after World War II and, even more so, that work of high caliber is produced by members of faculties of institutions where the former students of Professor Mladenovic are now pursuing scholarly careers. Professor Mladenovic and his students deserve our felicitations.

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L'UDOVÍT ŠTÚR UND DIE SLAWISCHE WECHSELSEITIGKEIT: GESAMTE REFERATE UND DIE INTEGRALE DISKUSSION DER WISSENSCHAFTLICHEN TAGUNG IN SMOLENICE, 27.-29. JUNI 1966. Edited by *L'udovit Holotik*. Bratislava: Verlag der Slowakischen Akademie der Wissenschaften, in cooperation with Verlag Hermann Böhlau Nachf., Vienna, Cologne, and Graz, 1969. 445 pp. DM 44.

This volume contains the papers and formal discussion of a symposium held in Smolenica, Czechoslovakia, in June 1966 on L'udovit Štúr and the theme of Slavic reciprocity. The contributions of thirty scholars from Eastern and Western Europe are included. The conference did not propose to trace Štúr's life or his role in the Slovak national movement of the 1840s. These questions have been the subject of an excellent, though now somewhat dated, study in French by Helena Tourtzer (Turcerová), *Louis Štúr et l'idée de l'indépendance slovaque (1815-1856)* (1913), and of a number of fine studies by Slovak historians over the past half-century (Golaň, Ormis, Ambruš, Rapant, Butvin, as well as several contributors to this volume). The theme of the conference was rather to examine key issues of inter-Slavic rela-