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**Soviet Science.** *Ruth C. Christman*, Editor. American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), Washington, D. C. 1952. vi+108 pp. \$1.25.

A collection of papers presented at the symposium on Soviet Science sponsored by the AAAS Philadelphia in December, 1951. The fields of genetics, physiology and pathology, psychology and psychiatry, social sciences, soil science, physics and chemistry, and mathematics are discussed in some detail. In addition, consideration is given to the atmosphere under which Soviet scientists labor especially with respect to the scientist and intellectual freedom.

The contributors are individuals associated with American universities who are especially familiar with Soviet Science. In most cases, the authors are either of Russian ancestry or have had intimate contact with Russian science through study and travel. They view the Soviet sciences critically in comparison with "Western" science and try to give an honest appraisal of its strength and weakness.

In these days of tension when the relative progress of science and technology may well determine which way of life will dominate, this little book attempting to give an unbiased appraisal of the state of Soviet science is extremely timely and valuable.

Most parts of the book are well adapted to the information level of the general reader. However, of necessity there are technical details in some chapters which require a specialist in the field to fully appreciate.

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