

RITTER, GERHARD. *Das Kommunemodell und die Begründung der Roten Armee im Jahre 1918*. Otto Harrassowitz, Wiesbaden 1965. 262 pp. DM. 36.00.

Starting from a discussion of a "proletarian military theory" as developed by Marx in the years 1871-75 and of Engels' views on war and army the author deals with Lenin's reception of the "Commune" idea and its adoption for military purposes. Of great interest is the elaborate treatment of the Kerensky Government's attempts at military stabilization and the way the Bolsheviks made use of their failure. The greatest part of the book is devoted to the army reform carried out by Trotsky and the ideological motivations to drop the Commune and "Red Guard" model.

STOYANOVITCH, K. *La philosophie du droit en U.R.S.S. (1917-1953)*. Librairie Générale de Droit et de Jurisprudence, Paris 1965. 284 pp. F.fr. 36.90.

This work is consecutive to *Marxisme et Droit* which was announced in this journal, Vol. X (1965), Part I, on p. 127. The book is divided into two periods, that from 1917 to 1938, and that from 1938 to 1953. Of necessity the most interesting is the first one which elaborately expounds the debates and discussions by Soviet theoreticians whose views were condemned in the course of time. A short, but valuable résumé is given of the (relatively meagre) consequences of de-Stalinization on the theory of the law.

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