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## FOREWORD

IN THE PAGES of this book the authors with the cooperation of the American Russian Institute and other authorities on Soviet Russia have painted, in broad sweeping strokes, the picture of Russia, past and present, so that the reader may have a better understanding of the Soviets of today and tomorrow.

It is generally admitted that without the aid of the gallant Red Army and the millions of Russians who gave their lives in turning back the common enemy, the United Nations might have been overwhelmed by the Nazi German hordes during World War II. Whether we agree or disagree with the Soviet type of government and their way of life, we must admit the power and importance of the U.S.S.R. To establish a lasting

peace upon this globe, it is necessary for all the peoples and nations first to establish friendly relations with each other. And, as everyone knows, you cannot have solid friendship until you have solid understanding. That is the purpose of this book . . . to develop among our citizens of tomorrow a better and more thorough understanding of our good neighbors in Soviet Russia.

In presenting this, on the whole, rather favorable and friendly account, there is no desire to ignore the views of those who are critical or hostile to the U.S.S.R. Such views should be recognized and evaluated with the best abilities Americans have.

One further and very basic point must be made. There is no desire to present the Soviet Union as a place we should imitate. The overwhelming majority of Americans prefer to live under the institutions our forefathers established. They want to make changes when the necessity is clearly shown, but to make them within the framework of a democratic capitalistic society.

They also want to live in peace and friendship with our neighbors. This they cannot do unless they understand the other nations and peoples of the world. Especially necessary is our understanding of the U.S.S.R., the largest of our allies, who is emerging from the horrors of war as one of the strongest powers in the world. Americans should study our good neighbor, Soviet Russia, not in order to copy her ways, but so we may understand them and deal intelligently with them.