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HERE, in brief and readable form, is an able summary of 600 years of Russo-Polish relations—from the occupation of Lvov in 1340 to the Yalta Conference in 1944. It is written by an able scholar, Professor Konovalov of the Universities of Birmingham and Oxford, incorporating the work of the late Sir John Maynard.

The book is remarkable for its temperate and judicious statement of facts in understandable form regarding one of the most hotly controversial problems of international affairs. Though everyone may not agree with the interpretation, all will recognize the special usefulness of the book at this particular time.

Supplementing Professor Konovalov's narrative are seven maps and about 50 pages of documents dealing with the high points of Russo-Polish relations beginning in the seventeenth century and concluding with the text of the Yalta declaration on Polish sovereignty.

Sir Bernard Pares, probably the outstanding English-speaking scholar in the Russian field, gives the book his enthusiastic endorsement and declares that it has "a higher level of historical accuracy than any compilation previously available in America."

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## INTRODUCTORY NOTE

THE PRESENT SURVEY is based on Sir John Maynard's report undertaken at the invitation of the Anglo-Soviet Public Relations Association (*President*: Lord Horder; *Chairman of Executive*: Miss Eleanor Rathbone, M.P.). Sir John's death in December 1943 prevented him from completing it for submission to the Association.

I have been asked: (1) to prepare for publication such parts of Sir John's MS as had clearly been given final form and were not debarred from inclusion by subsequent pronouncements and events, and (2) to supplement these passages with additional and connective material, bringing the account of events up to the spring of 1944.

Anxious to safeguard Sir John's presentation of the subject, I have confined myself almost exclusively to the use of documents and authoritative statements. Yet it is hardly fitting to issue this survey in its present form over the name of Sir John Maynard, since 18 sections (out of 36) have been added by me, as also 7 Appendices and 6 Maps.

Sir John is the author of sections 2, 3, 5, 6, 11, 12, 26 and 33; and sections 1, 8, 14-18, 20-22 embody material cited by him from Professor B. H. Sumner's *Survey of Russian History*. From the same book I was kindly allowed

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by the author to borrow additional matter for sections 4, 7, 13, 19, 23, and one Map (No. I). To these I have added another thirteen supplementary paragraphs, of which two (30 and 31) make considerable use of material prepared by Sir John.

Our gratitude is due to Lady Maynard, Professor B. H. Sumner and his publishers (Messrs. Duckworth) for kind permission to make use of the material, without which this report could not have appeared in its present form. We are also glad to acknowledge our special indebtedness for kind permission to quote: to *The Times*, the Royal Institute for International Affairs and to Mr. C. Smogorzewski.

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