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Everyone is now greatly concerned for a successful solution of the world's economic problems, and all countries are seeking for a plan to revitalise international trade.

The planning system described in this book, although designed in particular to meet the needs of modern Russia, has a number of points of contact which are applicable to all countries.

It is only by international co-operation and goodwill that a revival of world prosperity can be achieved, and this book "Modern Russia" should prove a useful contribution on such a vital subject.

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FOREWORD

THE author of this work is well known as a conscientious and reliable authority on Soviet economics, and I can confidently recommend a perusal of the results of his labours, feeling assured that the reader will be well repaid.

There have been many books on Russia during recent years, some of them written with the object of attacking the political structure of the Soviet Union and others overstating the results obtained. The outstanding feature of this book is that an attempt has been made to analyse the economic developments achieved and to explain how this has been done under conditions where political expediency and necessity have over-ridden the application of normal economic principles which generally apply in other countries in respect of industrial and utility developments.

Of all the assets of the Soviet Government perhaps it is its influence on the youth of the country that is the most remarkable. The revolution is now fifteen years old. There are approximately 27,000,000 persons up to the age of 25 years who have known nothing of Russia excepting under the Soviet. They have had absolutely no contact with the bourgeois world, the oldest of them having but dim memories of pre-revolution Russia.

The majority of Russian youth is convinced that the Soviet Union, though possibly far from what they themselves might have expected it already to become, will some day reach a position of being the most progressive nation on earth.

It is the spirit implied by the title of the book—"Modern Russia—The Land of Planning"—and the examination of a vast number of undertakings carried out with a definite psychological and political objective, which the reader is asked more particularly to keep in mind.

HENRY E. METCALF.

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