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PREFACE

True debates do not end; they merely fade away as the issues that gave rise to them recede into the past. Since the 1950s, newly independent underdeveloped countries have emerged, who cherish the aspiration of bettering their lot. They have resurrected the theses of the role of the state, accelerated industrialisation and planning in the attempt to consciously determine their future. In this context, the debate of the 1920s which preceded the Soviet plunge into industrialisation assumes a new significance.

There can be no universal pattern or strategy for the development of particular countries, divorced from whatever peculiar circumstance they may find themselves in, and divested of the specific material and cultural environment of the nations. It would be naive to extrapolate the development pattern of one country and superimpose it upon another which faces different conditions, has different institutions, a different resource base and a different ethos. Past experiences can, nonetheless, provide a wider perspective and shed light on the nature and potentials of an economy. It enhances understanding.

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