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Germany from **1945** onwards; and Alan Wolfe presents an interpretation of the reasons which made anti-communism the central element in the shaping of American foreign policy. The following two articles are concerned with anti-communism in Central America: Philip Brenner surveys American policies in the region, while James Petras and Morris Morley examine the consequences which American intervention in Guatemala in the name of anti-communism have had in that country since the coup which overthrew the Arbenz government in **1954**. Xavier Zeebroek provides a close analysis of Soviet and American nuclear strength, and exposes the myth of Soviet superiority. Roland Lew and Jean Pierre Garnier analyse the ways in which the disappointment of the hopes which many left intellectuals in France placed on the 'Third World' in the sixties and early seventies have helped to feed the extreme anti-communism of parts of the left which has been such a notable feature of French intellectual and political life in recent years; and Pascal Delwit and Jean-Michel Dewaele document this phenomenon by reference to the political trajectory of two prominent and prolific French ex-Communists, Annie Kriegel and Pierre Daix. Last but not least, François Houtart reflects on a subject of great and growing importance, the attitudes of the churches to anti-communism.

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