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PREFACE

The Socialist Register, 1965, is the second of a series of annual volumes of socialist analysis and discussion. As we explained in our Preface to the 1964 volume, The Socialist Register was not conceived as a record of events of the previous year, or as a calendar or chronicle. "Our purpose," we wrote then, "is rather to select for analysis and discussion contemporary events, issues and ideas which are both of topical interest and also of lasting importance; and we intend also to publish more general essays and review-articles on major questions of socialist theory and practice." This has also been our aim in the present volume, and it explains why we do not "cover" large and important parts of the world. No such "coverage" is intended in any single volume.

The encouraging response which the first volume aroused among readers in Britain and many other parts of the world has confirmed our belief that there exists a deeply felt need among socialists everywhere for the kind of strict, undogmatic and committed socialist writing which we then set out to publish. We hope that this year's Register may further contribute to meeting this need, and play a part in encouraging more such analysis and discussion.

We have again been very fortunate in being able to enlist a wide range of contributors from different countries and thus to give to this volume the same international character that we gave to the last, and which we feel to be of great importance.

We should like to stress that while we, as editors, are generally in accord with the temper and tenor of the essays we publish, we must not necessarily be held to share all the views expressed by all our contributors. There is no reason why we should; nor, for that matter, why they should be thought to agree with all that we or other contributors write.

Finally, our warm thanks are due to our contributors for their help and co-operation, and to Martin Eve for being such an understanding publisher. We also wish to thank Nan Keen, Annabel Brown, Victor Kiernan and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Robertson for their most valuable help with the translations.

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