



'MAY MAN PREVAIL?' BY ERICH FROMM

Perhaps the sharpest critique of American and Russian foreign policy to be registered in a long time can be found in an important new book, "May Man Prevail?" (Doubleday; hard cover, \$4.95; paperback, 95 cents) by world-famous psychoanalyst Erich Fromm, who scrutinizes the current political thinking on both sides of the Iron Curtain and comes up with his own solution for peace, which is refreshing if not entirely realistic.

The author bases his solution for world peace on the premise that the Soviet system is not revolutionary in character, and wants to defend itself against the onslaught of revolutions of underdeveloped nations. As such, Fromm says, Khrushchev seeks an understanding with the United States dealing with disarmament and ending the cold war.

From this premise, Fromm says that the United States and the pro-Western European countries must cooperate with Russia in ending the poverty in underdeveloped nations; agree with Russia on the existence of the ideological status quo, thereby ridding the hysterical hate in our people which clouds objective thinking; and strengthen the United Nations so that it can realistically control international disarmament and organize economic aid to "have-not" countries.

The author illustrates very ably the mistakes of history, when foresight could have prevented catastrophic change. He says we should apply the lessons of history today to avoid catastrophe now.

This book is recommended reading for every thinking American. Though one may find it hard to accept Fromm's premises and his deductions from these premises, still there is much here which is refreshing and thought-provoking.

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'THE LAST EXILE,' JAMES ALDRIDGE

"The Last Exile" (Doubleday; \$6.95) by James Aldridge is a novel of 738 pages, set in contemporary Egypt, dealing with the adventures of a British war veteran who remains in Egypt after having fought with the British Army in the Western Desert during World War II.

Richly backgrounded with material based on the author's own observations as a war correspondent in the near East, the book's action is based on the plots and counterplots that followed the war in Egypt, the establishment of the Nasser régime, and the Suez Canal incident, involving the brief British-French invasion. H. B. H.

'ALL THE BEST YEARS' BY DESMOND YOUNG

In "All the Best Years" (Harper; \$4.95) Desmond Young, British author and journalist, interestingly tells his own life story, which has been as full of thrills and adventures as most tales of fiction. Mr. Young got an early start on an exciting career, since his father, Commodore Sir Frederick Young, was a distinguished British ship-salvage expert and as a boy Desmond Young went to far parts of the world aboard his vessel.

After a brief academic career at Oxford and a short time in business, Mr. Young joined the British army as an officer at the start of World War I. After the war he engaged in ship salvage work and during World War II served with the Indian Army in Africa and Italy. His book, full of most fascinating incidents from all of these times, is illustrated with photographs and has an index. H. H.

'Tartans'

"Tartans" (Putnam; \$3.95) by Christian Hesketh is a lavishly illustrated book, with many pic-