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This is a welcome newcomer to the field of Journals in the English language which will introduce Japanese political and social thinking to the English speaking people of the world. It is edited by Yoshihiko Seki, Professor, History of Social Ideas, Tokyo Metropolitan University. Obviously it has a very competent board of editors and an excellent group of translators, and, while not directly concerned with religion, it presents a great deal of background material essential to an understanding of modern religious movements in this country.

The first issue dealt with "International Affairs" under three headings: "World Tensions and the Cold War" (Part I), "International Peace" (Part II), and "Diplomacy and Inter-

national Relations"(Part III). There is a biographical sketch of each of the twenty-seven contributors, a bibliography of contemporary articles from which the final choice for inclusion in this issue was made, and an index. The second issue contained "Selected Articles—1962" in five parts: "The Constitution and Democracy" (Part I) "Social Movements"(Part II)"The Middle Class" (Part III), "University Reform" (Part IV), and World Affairs (Part V).

Incidentally, it is a pleasure to note that Japanese personal names are written with the given name first as they should be in any English language publication. It is even more of a pleasure, however, to read the ideas of Japanese think-

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ers and leaders without having to plow through cumbersome Japanized English.

We wish the Center success. This is a magazine which will give the publishers a feeling of just pride and the readers both enjoyment and understanding.

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