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RUSSIA MEDIAEVALIS. Vol. 1. Edited by *John Fennell, Ludolf Müller, and Andrzej Poppe*. Munich: Wilhelm Fink Verlag, 1973. 235 pp. DM 48, paper.

This promising new journal is intended to provide a forum for the work of specialists outside the Soviet Union on what may broadly be taken as Ancient Rus' from about 800 to the end of the Time of Troubles (1613). Written in the major scholarly languages of the West and in Russian, the contents include articles, lengthy reviews, authors' abstracts, news of the profession, and a very extensive annotated bibliography (beginning with works of 1970). Perhaps the most stimulating of the excellent contributions in volume 1 is the article by Poppe, in which he argues that the cult of Boris and Gleb, and hence the writings about them, could not have appeared before the 1050s. The other articles include Müller's examination of excerpts from a homily of Basil the Great in Monomakh's *Pouchenie*, Fennell's study of the chronicle sources concerning the struggle for power in 1252, and H. Gaumnitz's word index to the *Zadonshchina*. If there is one area for improvement in the journal, that would be the already impressive bibliography. It is intended to be complete but presumably will be more so when the editors enlist additional contributors. The organization of the bibliography is not entirely satisfactory, with the use of the ill-defined categories of "religious" and "secular" for literature and the absence of any suitable section for works on social and economic history.

Could one hope that this important journal will be produced at a price that would not restrict it solely to the shelves of a few major research libraries?

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