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### Freedom-Loving Slavs

**YUGOSLAVIA.** Edited by Robert J. Kerner. Berkeley: University of California Press. 1949. 558 pp. \$6.50.

Reviewed by HENRY C. WOLFE

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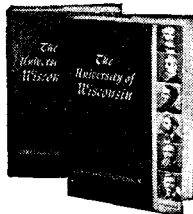
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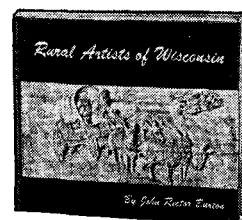
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The chapters of the book deal preponderantly with Yugoslavia before the break with the Cominform. But the insight that they give into the history and national psychology of the south Slavs makes that feudal logical. And no matter what turn events may take in Belgrade the light that the authors have thrown on Yugoslavia's geographical importance, military and economic potential, and revolutionary dynamics will render more understandable her strategic position in the East-West cold war.

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## Oil & Trouble

ARABIAN OIL: America's Stake in the Middle East. By Raymond F. Mikesell and Hollis B. Chenery. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press. 1949. 201 pp. \$3.50.

Reviewed by DILLON ANDERSON

NO FABLE of ancient Arabia, however fantastic, can compare with many of the fabulous aspects of the simple factual story of oil in Arabia, a saga dating back no further than the mid-Thirties.

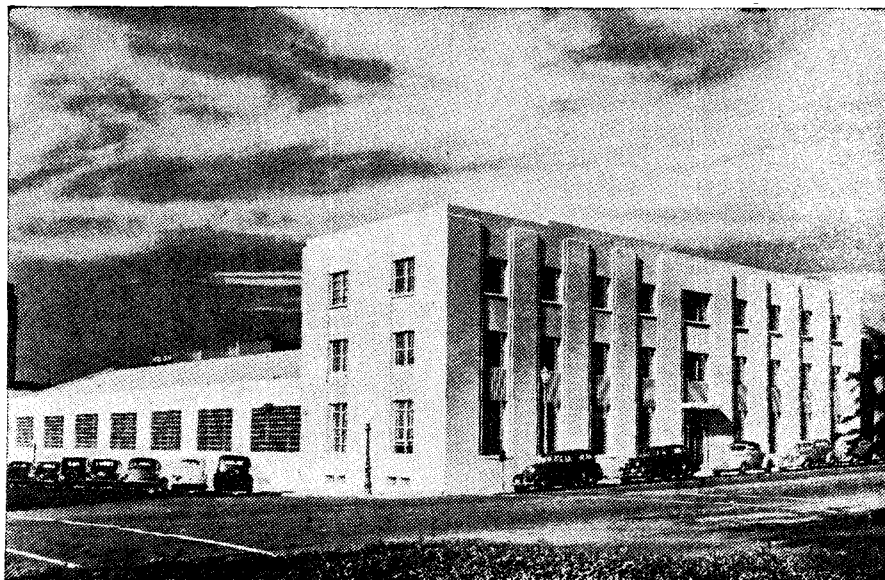
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(b) About half of these known world reserves are located halfway around the world in seven countries: Iran, Iraq, Arabia, Egypt, Bahrain, Kuwait, and Qatar.

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