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## After the Wars

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for the Philippine scene, authority in the contemporary world, which has excellent sections on authority in the family, the school and the church, and the Christian approach to "Marxist Analysis." The essay on "The Problem of Unbelief" is particularly relevant to the Philippines. Fr. Lauer has an interesting essay on G.K. Chesterton. The essay on Phenomenology is an excellent summary of the current trends in Philosophy in the Philippines. The editor has a summary of the essays and of the Curriculum Vitae of Fr. Lauer. Also included is a bibliography of the publications of Fr. Lauer.

**After the Wars.** By Anthony Lake et al. New Brunswick, U.S.A. and Oxford, U.K.: Transaction Publishers, 1990. x, 111 pages.

Although *After the Wars* is primarily concerned with reconstruction in Afghanistan, Indochina, Central America, Southern Africa, and the Horn of Africa, there are particularly relevant lessons for development and reconstruction in the Philippines. The authors provide valuable and timely analysis of the differing problems of polity and economy confronting the governments of these countries. They offer many practical ideas, not some grand outside reconstruction plan, both to stimulate and assist local planners as they address the futures of their nations and to encourage continued attention to these countries' needs in the international community. It is here that the relevance for Philippine planners is most perceptive—reconstruction from within rather than reconstruction from without.

The authors bring impressive credentials to their task of analysis. Anthony Lake was director of Policy Planning at the U.S. Department of State; Selig Harrison is a senior associate of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; Nayan Chanda is the editor of the *Asian Wall Street Journal*; Benjamin Crosby is a professor at the Center for Political Economy in San Jose, Ecuador; Mark Chona, for many years was political adviser to President Kuanda of Zambia; Jeffrey Herbst is assistant professor of Politics and International Affairs at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs; Carol Lancaster is assistant professor in the School of Foreign Service of Georgetown University.

Cyrus R. Vance calls it ". . . a stimulating book. It rightly challenges us to reexamine our responsibility to help affected Third World nations rebuild in the aftermath of the Cold War. We have both a moral obligation and a self-interest in doing this."