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INDEX TO THE SECRET HISTORY OF THE MONGOLS. By *Igor de Rachewiltz*. Uralic and Altaic Series, vol. 121. Bloomington: Indiana University Publications, 1972. 347 pp. \$16.00.

The *Secret History* is the oldest narrative text in Mongolian (A.D. 1240), and represents a semilegendary history of Chingis Khan and his ancestors, extending into the time of his successor, Ögedei. There are text editions of that work, translations, and a good dictionary of words occurring in the text, compiled by Haenisch (1939, reprinted in 1962). The dictionary does not list all grammatical forms of the words attested, nor does it indicate all occurrences of each word. Therefore the dictionary is of little use in cases in which it is important to have a particular word in all contexts in which it occurs, or to have all its grammatical forms attested in the text. The book under review is therefore a timely and useful publication because it enables the reader to find a particular word in all contexts, and lists all grammatical forms of each word. The first part of the book (pp. 1–174) contains the text which follows the line arrangement of Pelliot's edition (P). Each line is preceded by a code number indicating the page and line of P. The second part (pp. 177–343) is an alphabetical index of all words and forms to which code numbers referring to the pages and lines concerned are added. The third part (pp. 345–47) represents a finding list which enables the user of the index to find out to which paragraph of Pelliot's edition the code numbers refer. Pelliot's transcription has been slightly modified (*c* instead of *č*, *j* instead of *ǰ*, etc.), but Pelliot's text has not been corrected. Thus, P 59 *qatqun* should be *hatqun* "squeezing in the hand," and so forth (see *Bull. of the Inst. of Hist. and Phil., Academia Sinica*, vol. 39, p. 270). However, the corrections must be left for later research. De Rachewiltz's index is to be welcomed as a valuable publication which will serve as a basis for compilation of a grammar and a complete dictionary of the language of the *Secret History*.

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THE HISTORY OF THE COUNCIL OF FLORENCE. By *Ivan N. Ostroumoff*. Translated by *Basil Popoff*. Boston: Holy Transfiguration Monastery, 1971. x, 313 pp. \$2.00, paper.

For those desirous of an unreconstructed, strictly Orthodox account of the position taken by the Greek Church on the points at issue at the Council of Florence, this book can be of use, since it follows most faithfully the extremely valuable if biased account of the pro-Orthodox, Byzantine ecclesiastic-historian Syropoulos, whom most Western historians have for centuries unjustly neglected. Yet he alone provides material on the behind-the-scenes thoughts and activities of the Greeks which can be found nowhere else. Ostroumoff refers also to the pro-unionist work of the Greek, Dorotheus of Mitylene (but almost invariably to prove him wrong), and uses some material from the Synodal library of Moscow. The latter provides in-