

BOOK REVIEW

Fourth International Congress on Catalysis, Moscow 1968. Preprints of papers compiled for the Catalysis Society by Joe W. Hightower. Printed by Rice University Printing and Reproduction Department, Houston, Texas. Six volumes, 2613 pp. Price \$27 set.

When the organizers of the 4th International Congress decided not to publish the Proceedings in English translation a vexing problem arose for all those of us who do not read Russian. This problem has, in part, been resolved by the Catalysis Society and especially by Dr. Hightower, who has collected all the preprints of the Congress, and of the three symposia that followed the Congress, in the Soviet Union, in the summer of 1968. Translation of preprints into English, where necessary, was of course supplied by the

Soviet organizing committee prior to the Congress. We are indebted to the committee for this translation which is of high quality and monumental in quantity. But the vitally important, and not infrequently outspoken, discussions that followed many of the papers are, of course, missing from these volumes. Presumably the discussions could have been made available, but only at a cost far beyond the resources of most of us.

The quality of reproduction is as good as, or better than, the originals. The officers of the International Congress, of the Catalysis Society, and Dr. Hightower have all earned our gratitude.

P. W. SELWOOD

*Department of Chemistry
University of California
Santa Barbara, California 93106*