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repeat the mistakes of the twentieth. Only then can we finally escape the twenty years' crisis. By reflecting on Carr's foundational work, *The New Twenty Years' Crisis* offers an opportunity to take stock of the current state of international order and international relations theory."

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