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A Chinese scholar, with extensive knowledge of Japan and of Berlin, writes:

Hagihara (who later took the initiative in inviting IB to Japan in the 1970s) has recently read two essays by IB which made a strong impression on him: 'Mr Churchill in 1940' and 'L. B. Namier: A Personal Impression'. He is excited by the precision and richness of IB's historical perspective. He wants to emphasise that IB addressed such important themes: e.g., the nature of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries in Western Europe. For that reason, his essays are markedly profound.