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Swanson and Gerald Segal are the foremost authorities on the PLA's ground, air, naval and nuclear forces, respectively. What's more, Ellis Joffe, who published the seminal *Party and Army* in 1965, which identified the "red versus expert" conflict existing within the PLA, and who has been one of the best writers on the Chinese military since the 1950s, contributes a very worthwhile piece on "Civil-Military Relations." This reviewer also found the chapters on China's "Military Industry" by Sydney Jammes and "Aspects of Modernization" by Karen Berney extremely useful, especially in terms of China's capacity for military modernity and the direction of that modernity.

The last third of the book is devoted to China's foreign policy and, in the opinion of this reviewer, is a bit less focused than the first two-thirds. However, to someone without much experience in this area, the chapters which deal with various geopolitical parts of the world might prove enlightening.

The most refreshing aspect of this book is that the authors, in addition to being extremely knowledgeable, are also concise and instructive. They avoid the jargon and almost theological pretense that one often finds in books about China and, instead, present the facts in a straightforward, realistic manner. For this alone, Segal and Tow deserve great credit. This reviewer recommends this volume for those with either a deep interest in China's defense policy or a more casual interest—there is something

in it for most everyone, and above all, there is sensible analysis throughout.

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Kay, Robin, ed. *Documents on New Zealand External Relations: Vol. III, The ANZUS Pact and the Treaty of Peace with Japan*. Wellington: V.R. Ward, Government Printer, 1985. 1,268 pp. \$NZ 85.00

The above work represents the third volume in a series of publications comprised of declassified documents on New Zealand's external relations since 1944. The preceding two works are, *Volume I, The Australian-New Zealand Agreement, 1944* (1972); and *Volume II, The Surrender and Occupation of Japan* (1982). These volumes make up the modest series of official documents which are published by the Office for Historical Publications of the New Zealand Department of Internal Affairs. This series is not unlike, albeit on a limited scale, the U.S. Department of State's respected series, *Foreign Relations of the United States*.

Without question, the present writer recommends this volume of documents to those scholars who are interested in immediate postwar political relations in the Pacific leading up to the Japanese Peace Treaty and the establishment of the ANZUS alliance. The documents in this volume provide an excellent understanding of New Zealand political and diplomatic officials' attitudes

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and perceptions toward the future outlook for their country's security stance in a Pacific region dominated by the United States. The unbending view of New Zealand for a "hard" peace treaty with Japan, or the effecting of a collective security arrangement with the United States as a *quid pro quo* for a "soft" treaty is well documented.

The editors of this volume which contains 451 documents, have clearly succeeded in providing the reader with the source material required for a full understanding of the situation in New Zealand following the Second World War. To aid the reader, the work has both an extensive index and a descriptive list of documents to facilitate the use of such a large work.

Despite the work's value, it must be acknowledged that there were some disappointments upon reviewing the work. Most importantly, New Zealand defense *per se* is not extensively addressed in much detail. It is surprising that the important Radford-Collins naval control and protection of shipping agreement between Australia, Britain, New Zealand, and the United States is not mentioned once. Nor is there any discussion of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff's secret assurances to the British Service Chiefs in October 1950 that the U.S. Navy would be sufficiently strong to defend maritime approaches to Australia and New Zealand in the event of a global conflict, thereby enabling both countries to deploy their national forces overseas in the defense of Western security objec-

tives. One important exception is an interesting study (dated April 1950; Document 199) of the New Zealand Chiefs of Staff which argues that in their collective view, a peacetime collective security arrangement with the United States is not needed under the then-current security environment! The argument that there is no discernable threat to New Zealand has a contemporary ring, although from a different quarter of New Zealand society.

One hopes that the postwar New Zealand defense issue will be fully addressed in Ian McGibbon's forthcoming official history of New Zealand in the Korean War. As a point of interest to readers of this journal, McGibbon is the author of the highly recommended and handsomely produced, *Blue-Water Rationale: The Naval Defence of New Zealand, 1914—1942* (Wellington: P.D. Haselberg, Government Printer, 1981).

Regardless of these singular omissions, "The ANZUS Pact and the Treaty of Peace with Japan" still comes highly recommended to students of Pacific security. Used in conjunction with *Foreign Relations of the United States*, this volume provides a wide range of primary-source material for this formative period of postwar history in the Pacific.

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