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many, and the Soviet Union. These voyages were made in typical North Atlantic weather—rotten. This very keen observer describes fully both vessel construction and fishing methods. Warner's ability to enter into the life of the crews and describe the everyday happenings aboard hardworking vessels is exceptionally interesting. His writing not only reflects a great love of the water but shows a superb talent to observe and enjoy people. Above all, Warner is able to create a flow of information from the technical to the personal which makes this book eminently readable.

Distant Water is not particularly technical in regard to fishing gear, vessel construction, or fishing methodology. What Warner does is to give a good general picture of each which will satisfy both the layperson and professional seaman alike. For the Navy reader who shares the oceans with the men, and sometimes women, of the world's fishing vessels, *Distant Water* is certainly worth the time.

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George Scheck, Mary Ann Varoutsos and Jane Viti

Bagdikian, Ben H. *The Media Monopoly*. Boston: Beacon Press, 1983. 282pp. \$14.95
In this impassioned account of the structure of mass media in America, Bagdikian, a Pulitzer Prize winning reporter, argues that the nation's press is largely controlled by 50 communications conglomerates that serve the private interests of their corporate owners, not the public interest. Since many of these firms interlock with other major corporations, Bagdikian charges that the media try to protect the corporate structure as well. Citing examples of dishonest public relations campaigns and suppressed books, articles, and television programs, he contends that the public's right to know is increasingly being thwarted. He finds the influence of mass advertising particularly damaging and describes how local news can suffer when independent newspapers are taken over by large chains.

Burton, John. *Dear Survivors; Planning after Nuclear Holocaust: War Avoidance*. Boulder, Colo.: Westview Press, 1982. 137pp. \$17.50; paper \$8.50

Using an epistolary format, Burton purports to address a group of nuclear survivors,

challenging them to focus on life beyond the nuclear holocaust. After reviewing the assumptions and ideologies that led to "World War III," he proposes an alternative strategy of war avoidance policies. In contrast to the traditional power model of international relations, the "second track" he advocates encompasses interactive decision making, interactive research of domestic and international problems, and interactive problem-solving and conflict-resolving institutions. The basis for this work was derived from research conducted at the Center for the Analysis of Conflict at the University of Kent, where Burton is currently director.

Clifford, Kenneth J. *Amphibious Warfare Development in Britain and America*. Laurens, NY: Edgewood, 1983. 302pp. \$11.00

The period between the two world wars saw the independent development of amphibious warfare concepts in both Britain and America. One unique aspect of this development was that each nation, for different reasons, developed principles that were fundamentally identical. Clifford believes that Allied doctrine, tactics, and specialized equipment allowed for a level of proficiency in amphibious assaults far superior to that of the enemy. Included is a discussion of the development of amphibious craft and the men responsible for their design and construction.

Cooksley, Peter G. *Operation Thunderbolt: the Nazi Warships' Escape, 1942*. London: Robert Hale, 1981. 190pp. \$11.81

Operation Thunderbolt retells the story of the flight of three Nazi warships up the English Channel in 1942. The *Gneisenau*, *Scharnhorst*, and *Prinz Eugen* were anchored at Brest, France. Hitler wanted to get them to Norway. In January German minesweepers secretly cleared the way. Then on the night of 11 February, under heavy escort and with massive air cover, the three ships moved out of Brest at high speed and headed west. British countermeasures failed miserably. This successful escape was called "Operation Cerberus" by the Germans.

Feinberg, Richard E. *The Intemperate Zone: the Third World Challenge*. New York: Norton, 1983. 287pp. \$17.50

This is a study of US-Third World relations written by a former policy planner for the State Department. Feinberg outlines current problems and suggests changes in policy guidelines that will best defend our national interests. He contends that our political and economic influence has diminished significantly in the postwar period. Third World governments have grown stronger politically, economically, and socially. These new power centers are often wary of US influence and intentionally seek independent courses based upon increasing self-defined national interests. Feinberg advocates a neorealist policy, a new approach that draws on ". . . the realist modification of global containment and on the virtues of economic liberalism."

Gilsenan, Michael. *Recognizing Islam; Religion and Society in the Modern Arab World*. New York: Pantheon, 1982. 287pp. \$16.95; paper \$7.95

Gilsenan, an anthropologist and historian, draws heavily upon 20 years of field work in the Middle East to demystify the Muslim faith for Western readers. He refutes the concept of Islam as a monolithic force in Arab life, preferring to explore the

multifaceted nature of this dynamic religion. Moving from North Lebanon to North Africa and Egypt, he depicts a variety of societies in which Islam has developed in different ways. In each, he shows how Islam has evolved in relation to diverse social, political, economic, and class structures, while it has helped to shape them. Specific examples and case studies are woven into the discussion to demonstrate the complexity of the beliefs, symbols, values, and traditions of Muslim society.

Grey, Jerry. *Beachheads in Space: a Blueprint for the Future*. New York: Macmillan, 1983. 274pp. \$14.95

Should the United States forge ahead and support technological advances in space exploration and utilization? In this book, Grey outlines the history and achievements of our space program and also summarizes present policy. We drastically cut our space program in the 1970s. Meanwhile, the Soviet Union has steadily pursued its goals, which focus on permanent occupancy of space and eventual domination. Grey emphasizes the need for a revitalized space program. Topics discussed include the development of the next generation of space stations into full-scale orbiting settlements, solar power satellites, the military use of outer space, the search for extraterrestrials, and eventual voyages to the stars.

Hedges, Robert L. *Computer Science Training in the Department of Defense: the Silent Problem*. Washington: National Defense University Press, 1983. 46pp. paper \$3.50* Colonel Hedges, USAF, maintains that Department of Defense training and education programs in computer science are inadequate; and that the necessary levels of technical and managerial expertise required to effectively manage computer resources are not being met. The author describes the deficiencies that exist in current programs and offers suggestions to correct them. Having enough adequately trained personnel who can design, acquire, implement, program, operate, and maintain DoD computer systems is essential, because they have become such a vital resource.

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Jones, Lloyd S. *U.S. Naval Fighters*. Fallbrook, Calif.: Aero, 1983. 352pp. \$15.95

This book contains the complete history of every fighter plane ordered by the US Navy from 1922 to the 1980s, including the rare and the never built experimental designs. This includes such types as the Douglas Missileer and, as old fans of "Blackhawk" comics may recall, the Grumann XF5F-1 Skyrocket. There are 91 three-view scale drawings and several hundred photographs, many never previously published. Each type is fully described in the text with performance, armaments, dimensions, and design development given. Included is a chapter devoted to the common paint schemes of each aircraft.



Government Publications

Department of the Navy RDT&E Management Guide.

This guide provides details about the Navy's research, development, testing, and evaluating program.

Stock Number: 008-040-00162-8, 288pp. \$6 1983

US Coast Guard: Status, Problems, and Potential; A Special Report to the President and the Congress.

This National Advisory Committee on Oceans and Atmosphere report finds the resources supporting the Coast Guard to be inadequate. The committee has examined and highlighted possible efficiencies and alternative approaches.

Stock Number: 052-003-00913-7, 55pp. \$4 1983

Modernizing US Strategic Offensive Forces: The Administration's Program and Alternatives.

Assesses the scope and costs of the Administration's planned modernization, taking into consideration the effects that arms control agreements could have on it.

Stock Number: 052-070-05852-8 142pp. \$5.50 1983

Air Superiority in WWII and Korea; An Interview with Gen. James Ferguson, Gen. Robert M. Lee, Gen. William Momyer, and Lt. Gen. Elwood R. Quesada.

Vivid, first-hand accounts by air leaders who flew, fought, and commanded in air combat. Focuses on air superiority, a crucial element in all air operations. Historical sources material.

Stock Number: 008-070-00489-5, 127pp. \$4.75 1983

Risk Assessment Techniques.

A practical guide and reference for program management personnel. Discusses risk assessment techniques used by Department of Defense organizations, advantages and disadvantages of these techniques, and implementation.

Stock Number: 008-020-00953-9, 232pp. \$6.50 1983

Documents on German Foreign Policy: 1918-1945, The Third Reich: First Phase, Volume 6, Nov 1, 1936-Nov 14, 1937.

Contains translations of documents from the captured archives of the German Foreign Ministry and the Reich Chancellery, beginning with a speech by Mussolini in 1936 and concluding with a memorandum from the German ambassador in Moscow a year later.

Stock Number: 044-000-01952-3, 1219pp. \$18 1983

Strategy for Defeat, The Luftwaffe, 1933-1945.

Historical narrative of the German Air Force during World War II. It follows the Germans from prewar planning to their final defeat.

Stock Number: 008-070-00483-6, 391pp. \$9.50 1983

United States Naval Aviation. 1910-1980.

This illustrated chronology records the history of naval aviation from its earliest days before the turn of the century to the close of the 1970s.

Stock Number: 008-046-00107-3, 562pp. \$17 1982

Oceanographic Ships: Fore and Aft.

Traces the historical development of vessels used by the Navy for oceanographic research from the late 1700s through the 1970s.

Stock Number: 008-042-00050-1, 257pp. \$10 reprinted 1983

The Final Collapse.

Compiled by the Army's Center of Military History, this book provides a detailed account of the last two years of the Vietnamese conflict.

Stock Number: 008-029-00121-7, 184pp. \$5.50 1983

On Strategy: The Vietnam War in Context.

The Strategic Studies Institute of the US Army War College presents a critical look at American strategy during the Vietnam conflict.

Stock Number: 008-020-00881-8, 147pp. \$6 1981

Soviet Military Power, Second Edition.

Incorporates analyses of the latest Soviet military advances. Includes comparisons of Soviet military strength with that of the US and Allied forces in Europe and Asia. Fully illustrated and written in nontechnical language.

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Award-Winning Articles Chosen

The South Atlantic War in 1982 between Britain and Argentina was the main subject of two out of three award-winning articles published in this journal in 1983.

First prize, for "The Soviet Union and the Falklands War," went to Dr. Vojtech Mastny who, at the time of writing, was a professor of strategy at the Naval War College.

Second prize, for "French Defense Policy," went to Dr. Steven T. Ross, who is a professor of strategy at the Naval War College.

Third prize, for "Surface Ship Survivability: An Enduring Issue," went to Rear Admiral James A. Winnefeld, US Navy (Retired). Admiral Winnefeld's article stems from his consideration of the events of the war.

All three articles appeared in the May-June 1983, issue of the *Naval War College Review*.

The awards, \$500 for first prize, \$300 for second prize, and \$200 for third, were made in honor of the late Captain Hugh G. Nott, US Navy, who is remembered at this college "not for the positions he held but for the work he accomplished." The award was established by the Naval War College Foundation. This is the first year in which it has been made. The articles chosen were selected by a committee of members of the War College's faculty. They were selected on the basis of the articles' content, clarity, and professionalism.