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works while it focuses sharply on the problems of command, logistics, hazards to ships and men, and relations among officials, American and foreign, and with other naval forces in the region. As the author notes in his introduction, the focus and, indeed, "the real heroines of this narrative" are "the vessels themselves—the majestic *Columbus* and the workhorse *Vincennes*, the famous *Olympia* and the plodding *Palos*, together with all of their sisters." Those who share the author's interest will be fascinated and appalled by the relation of what seems, by today's standards, to be an extraordinary number of collisions and groundings. More astonishing still is the apparent absence of the onus that such incidents cause today.

As a narrative of the formation and changing kaleidoscope of American ships and admirals in the Far East, Johnson's work is an essential reference. His annotated bibliography of sources for each chapter provides a useful guide as well as a basis for evaluation. Unfortunately, this volume lacks the summary list of "Officers Commanding U.S. Naval Forces" on the station and the "annual composition of forces" that made the appendixes of his first book such indispensable tools. In terms of the historical literature on this subject, *Far China Station* supersedes the relevant portions of C. O. Paullin's standard works: *American Voyages to the Orient 1690-1865* (1919-11) and *Diplomatic Negotiations of American Naval Officers 1778-1883* (1912). It provides the missing prelude to W.R. Braisted's two-volume study of *The U.S. Navy in the Pacific, 1897-1922* (1958, 1971), and it adds a fascinating counterpoint in detail to Gerald S. Graham's brilliant study of the Royal Navy in the same waters: *China Station: War and Diplomacy, 1830-1860* (1978).

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The first volume of this series was reviewed in these pages early last year. The review described the scheme of the series and opined that the *Encyclopedia* promised to become the leader in its field. That promise still seems valid. One wishes, however, that the publication period could be reduced in order that researchers might sooner have the benefit of this single source *summa* whose thoroughness and excellence are previewed in these first two volumes.

The publisher and editor have chosen, no doubt not only for good commercial reasons but to ensure the scholarly integrity of the work, to publish only two or three volumes a year. Even this schedule is no light undertaking. For example, fully 166 pages of Volume 2 are devoted to the two essay-entries on "Administrative System and Policy-Making Process, Central Military." History, personalities, organization charts—all are here. All are valuable—clear, complete, well-written. But we are now, alphabetically, only through "Adm." Think how long we must wait to read the entries on "Strategy" or "War."

The quality to date assures me that the wait will be worth it.

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Kupperman, Robert and Trent, Darrell. *Terrorism: Threat, Reality and Response*. Stanford, Calif.: Hoover Institute Press, 1979. 450pp.

Over the past decade there has been a lively debate over the likelihood of nuclear terrorism. Anyone who has inspected the drugstore paperback bookrack in his neighborhood has no doubt noted that the combination of