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essential legitimacy and benignity of Grey's foreign policy efforts, but he finds little cause for praise in a policy so lacking in precision and initiative, and so devoid of strategic considerations.

In addition to its contribution to our understanding of and debate on the responsibility for the First World War, this work will inevitably be analyzed in the context of current U.S.-Soviet relations. The obvious analogies will be drawn between Great Britain and the United States. The latter will be seen as a similarly satisfied power facing domestic problems and costs, eroding military credibility, and an aggressive challenge to its international, and especially its naval, primacy; and this

threatened power will also have the options of détente, preemptive strikes (as the British considered "Copenhagening" the German Fleet in 1904), defensive alliances, or an arms race, to assure its continued supremacy. One hopes that any such analogies will note major differences in the contemporary international environment, the nature of military conflict, and the policy control mechanisms of the states involved in ostensibly parallel situations. But analysts may legitimately ponder certain grim reminders of the consequences of error in assessing enemy intentions and passivity in the face of challenge.

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## RECENT BOOKS

Selected Accessions of the Naval War College Library

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Ann Hardy, with Kathleen Ashook  
Doris Baginski and Mary Ann Varoutsos

Boston Study Group. *The Price of Defense; a New Strategy for Military Spending*. New York: Times Books, 1979. 359pp. \$15.00

The Boston Study Group favors a reduction in defense spending affecting both conventional and nuclear forces. Employing graphic comparisons between existing and projected U.S. and foreign military forces, they maintain that American military policy should be reassessed: it should eliminate half the present Military Establishment, reducing "interventionist" conventional forces; it should avoid the appearance of having a preemptive strike capability; it should depend on submarine-launched missiles and a very limited number of ICBMs; and it should discourage advanced technology for developing new weapons systems, and discontinue extensive arms sales abroad.

Buzan, Barry. *A Sea of Trouble? Sources of Dispute in the New Ocean Regime*. Adelphi Papers, no. 143. London: International Institute for Strategic Studies, 1978. 50pp. \$1.50

Long regarded as inexhaustible and inaccessible, ocean resources have recently become an important source of international conflicts and disputes because of their realizable economic value and the growth in the number of sovereign states. After first categorizing disputes related to law-of-the-sea issues, this incisive analysis surveys past, present, and potential conflicts

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within key regions. Though most of these disputes will not become armed confrontations, the innumerable technical problems and deep political divisions attending the changing ocean regime will probably preclude the formulation of a widely acceptable convention in the near future.

*The Changing Pacific: Essays in Honour of H.E. Maude.* New York: Oxford University Press, 1978. 351pp. \$39.50

Anthropology and history receive major disciplinary representation in this collection of essays that recognize Harry Maude's years of governmental and professorial offices in behalf of the Pacific islands. Addressed to social change in the area, these interesting papers treat many phases of the ancient culture and tribal customs and affiliations, tracing their evolution and degree of adaptation to changing situations and world relationships.

Committee on the Present Danger. *Is America Becoming Number 2?* Washington: 1978. 46pp.\*

Maintaining that the Soviet Union seeks military superiority over the United States in order to pursue her goal of world dominance, the Committee on the Present Danger stresses the responsibility of Americans to keep informed of the available facts on the Soviet-American military balance. A comprehensive assessment of Soviet strategic doctrine and military power, with a discussion of the implications for U.S. defense policy, is undertaken in this fourth study by the Committee.

\*For price information, contact the Committee on the Present Danger, 1028 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036

Cortada, James W. *Two Nations over Time: Spain and the United States, 1776-1977.* Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1978. 305pp. \$22.95

The long-term hostility exhibited throughout the course of Spanish-American diplomacy is attributed to conflicting territorial claims; Spanish misconceptions of U.S. culture; competition for political and economic power; and the influence of past history, traditions, and dissimilar goals and values. The author summarizes past research on the subject, which he complements with his own investigations. There is a bibliographic essay, and appendixes list Spanish envoys to the United States and American envoys to Spain.

Duignan, Peter and Gann, L.H. *South Africa: War, Revolution, or Peace?* Stanford, Calif.: Hoover Institution Press, 1978. 85pp. \$5.95

Duignan and Gann contend that the achievement of a just political system is possible through reform rather than revolution in South Africa, and that civil war in that country would be disastrous for the whole continent. They feel the Western democracies should not seek to isolate South Africa, but should encourage constructive change by promoting economic development and political reform within the country.

Ezell, Edward C. and Ezell, Linda A. *The Partnership; a History of the Apollo-Soyuz Test Project.* Washington: National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Scientific and Technical Information Office, 1978. 560pp. \$8.30\*

Based upon direct observation at working sessions, on-the-spot interviews, and ongoing access to reports, correspondence, and memoranda, this official

history of the first joint manned space flight emphasizes the human interaction evident in the execution of the Apollo-Soyuz Test Project. Although most of the narrative focuses on the years 1970 to 1975, the introductory chapters trace the origins of the cooperative space effort and provide some background into the state of the art. Photographs, charts, chronologies, and extensive source notes accompany the text.

\*For sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402

Hayes, James H. *The Evolution of Military Officer Personnel Management Policies: a Preliminary Study with Parallels from Industry*. R-2276-AF. Santa Monica, Calif.: Rand, 1978. 202pp. \$10.00

To provide insight into the current practices and problems of military personnel management, this report traces the evolution of personnel management policies through six historical periods, placing particular emphasis on the 20th century. Comparisons with similar practices in industry during the same periods show that the military's management of its officer corps compares favorably with personnel management in larger firms, and is better than that found in small or medium-sized corporations.

Heise, Juergen A. *Minimum Disclosure: How the Pentagon Manipulates the News*. New York: Norton, 1979. 221pp. \$10.95

The Department of Defense is scrutinized to determine how it handles information possibly damaging to its public image—a problem common to many government agencies. Heise considers the feasibility of a bureaucracy's adhering to a news release policy based on the premise that the direct publication of releasable information, even when painful, is ultimately healthier for a public agency than attempts to cloud uncomfortable issues.

Johnson, Kenneth F. *Mexican Democracy: a Critical View*. New York: Praeger, 1978. 267pp. \$19.95

Quotations from Mexico's leading intellectuals strengthen the threads of this grim psychological study of Mexican political life. The effects of the ancient Aztec culture on the modern society are emphasized as the historical roots, present crises, and future prospects of democracy in Mexico are analyzed.

Johnson, Stuart E. with Yager, Joseph A. *The Military Equation in Northeast Asia*. Washington: Brookings Institution, 1979. 87pp. \$2.95

Calling for a reexamination of U.S. force levels in Northeast Asia, the authors of this study assess the present balance of power in this region and analyze the nature and likelihood of various military contingencies from a broad, strategic point of view. They conclude that a posture matching forces and needs would not require any permanent ground combat troops in Japan or Korea, but only the forward deployment of one carrier group augmented by one or two assault landing ships carrying V/STOL aircraft.

Kinsella, William E., Jr. *Leadership in Isolation: FDR and the Origins of the Second World War*. Boston: G.K. Hall, 1978. 282pp. \$15.50

Franklin D. Roosevelt's personal and official correspondence, memoranda, and intelligence reports are researched extensively in this appraisal of his

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acumen in foreign affairs prior to American involvement in World War II. Roosevelt emerges as a skillful, perceptive statesman who foresaw the inevitability of global conflict, but realized that most Americans would not support the war until the country was placed clearly on the defensive.

Murray, Russell. *The Quest for the Perfect Study*. Professional Paper No. 182. Arlington, Va.: Center for Naval Analyses, 1978. 58pp.\*

Russell Murray discusses the purpose, organization, and standards of the review process at the Center for Naval Analyses, where he served as review director from 1973-1977.

\*For price information, contact the Center for Naval Analyses, 1401 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22209.

Peterson, John E. *Oman in the Twentieth Century: Political Foundations of an Emerging State*. New York: Barnes & Noble, 1978. 286pp. \$22.50

After observations on Oman and her people, this study identifies the four major themes in modern Omani politics. It examines the challenges to the Sultanate leading to the inevitable coup of 1970 which ended Oman's isolation, liberalized her traditionalism, and brought her into closer social and political alignment with her modernizing neighbor states. Though the tribal role has been severely reduced in the process, the dynastic Sultanate still endures.

Ruge, Friedrich. *Rommel in Normandy: Reminiscences*. San Rafael, Calif.: Presidio Press, 1979. 266pp. \$12.95

As naval advisor to Field Marshal Rommel from November 1943 to August 1944, Admiral Ruge was in a unique position for closely observing Rommel on a daily basis as he planned and conducted the defense of the Western European coastline. Using personal notes, reminiscences, and official papers, Ruge focuses directly on Rommel's generalship during this campaign, suggesting that because of his conflicts with the Wehrmacht High Command, Rommel was not allowed the freedom of action, control of forces, or resources needed successfully to thwart the Allied invasion.

*Soviet Dynamics—Political, Economic, Military*. Pittsburgh: World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh, 1978. 97pp. \$5.00

At the 17th Forum of the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh a panel of five to six authorities was assigned for each of three aspects of U.S.-Soviet foreign relations—political, economic, and military. Their discussions and conclusions on U.S.S.R. capabilities in each area and their import for U.S. action in international affairs are reported in the three papers constituting this volume. Also included are the rapporteur's résumé of the Forum and the text of a luncheon address by the Honorable George Bush.

*Soviet Succession: Leadership in Transition*. Beverly Hills, Calif.: Sage, 1978. 80pp. \$3.00

This Number 59 of The Washington Papers consists of five presentations by noted Sovietologists in which they scrutinize the structure, qualifications, and patterns of the present and emerging Soviet elites; the economic problems facing Brezhnev's successors; and the significance of a new Soviet leadership for U.S.-Soviet relations.

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