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The Road to Jerusalem

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acquire a tremendous appreciation of international economics with minimum expenditure of time and effort.

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Laqueur, Walter Z. *The Road to Jerusalem*. New York: Macmillan, 1968. 368p.

The sudden and complete victory by the Israelis in June 1967 has overshadowed the events that preceded this unique war. In the Introduction, Mr. Laqueur establishes the focus of his book as the 3 weeks immediately prior to the Israeli-Arab war in June 1967. In dealing with the repercussions of the conflict, the impact on public opinion, and the policies of the various governments, Mr. Laqueur fashions an implied indictment of political coldbloodedness and diplomatic unreality. The intransigence and irrational actions of the Arabs, particularly Egypt and Syria, are clearly displayed. The worsening internal political strife in Israel, De Gaulle's deliberate aggrandizement, the well-intentioned fumbling of the British and American Governments, and Russia's doctrinal rigidity are logically derived from the pronouncements of senior officials of the various governments. The United Nations also acquires a few regretful, but accurately placed thumps on its body politic.

There are a number of assumptions and deductions by the author that are not fully supported by his source material. He admits freely that many of the answers he found were located in radio broadcasts and in the newspapers. This becomes a vital point. The source material for this book was—essentially—a basis for opinion makers and decision-makers the world over. Mr. Laqueur has, in his own words, "tried to the best of my ability to write a truthful history." If he had been given access to secret governmental documents, would it have changed his description of the truth? The reviewer doubts it, and so does the

author. The alternative requires a hyper-cynical approach to the world realpolitik. Remember, the result of all these international maneuverings was a war in the Middle East with all of its attendant dangers to the world. Mr. Laqueur's style is easy to read, and the construction of the story he tells lends both interest and excitement. He has attached an appendix containing speeches by U Thant, Gamal Abdel Nasser, Abba Eban, and Gen. Itzhak Rabin which vividly illustrate the complex issues and emotional atmosphere. Mr. Laqueur has written a thought-provoking analysis that is both enlightening and entertaining.

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LeMay, Curtis E. *America Is in Danger*. New York: Funk & Wagnalls, 1968. 346p.

This book is a mirror of its author, gruff and blunt but honest. Underneath the words one feels the frustrations of a senior career military man who has been confronted by the "whiz kids" of the Pentagon. General LeMay provides the reader with the broad military issues that face the decisionmakers in the U.S. Government today. He punches to the gut point of these issues, criticizing past decisions with which he has disagreed. Most importantly, he does not stop with criticism, but offers solutions. Typical of his pungent approach is this statement on Vietnam: "the way to fight the war in North Vietnam is to fight it. Pussy footing with bombing pauses and exempting the vital targets is the way to lose it." He then follows with an eight-step campaign that "aspires to decisive victory." There are times when General LeMay becomes extremely parochial (Air Force) in his proposed solutions of the issues raised, but this does not detract from the value of the book. Rather, it provokes the military reader into thinking of alternatives. Public airing of *military* points of view of