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Hell of High Water

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military strategy is overdue. *America Is in Danger* is strongly recommended for reading by any American interested in the security of his country.

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McKee, Alexander. *Farming the Sea*. London: Souvenir Press, 1967. 314p.

Farming the Sea was not written by the ordinary author who comes strolling down the pike. Alexander McKee is both an author of note and an experienced diver. This book displays a marvelous depth of research on a subject about which little was recorded prior to the 1960's. It is an interesting account of man's progress toward large-scale farming of tributaries, bays, and the open oceans. Although notable advance has been made in underwater diving since an Englishman, John Deane, invented the first really efficient diving dress in 1828, it was not until Jacques Yves Cousteau and Emile Gagnan invented the aqualung in 1940 that man's underwater capability was enhanced by several magnitudes. In 1962 undersea exploration began to perk; by 1966 interest began to boil; today the discussion of the ocean wonders is a routine household pastime.

The initial setting of this book is in the Portsmouth, Southsea area of England, but the author has focused on many parts of the world as he traces man's progress in fish farming. One immediately learns that trout farming in Europe is an old vocation; that the 1953 artificial reefs composed of ear bodies that were laid off the coast of Alabama were so successful that sportsmen and commercial fishermen alike have promoted the building of many more; that the North Sea has been used as a fish-farming laboratory. The reader will be impressed by the extent to which research, theory, and practice have quietly advanced for years in the North Sea. This book is recommended not only for the casual reader but also for

the student who wishes to become versed in man's progress in harvesting the oceans.

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Sheldon, Walter J. *Hell or High Water*. New York: Macmillan, 1968. 340p.

The title of this book would lead one to believe that it is solely an account of the Inchon landing of 15 September 1950. In reality it is an account of the first 90 days of the Korean war. Approximately one-third of the book is devoted to the invasion of South Korea by the North Koreans and the stand at the Pusan perimeter by the United Nations forces under Gen. Walton H. Walker. One-third deals with the planning for, and the conduct of, the landing itself. The remaining third covers the period from the landing up through the fall of Seoul. Sheldon is objective and fairly thorough in his presentation and has been particularly successful in making his book very readable rather than just a dull recitation of the facts. Included is some fine insight into Gen. Douglas MacArthur's character and personality. His insistence on the operation's being held at the time and place which he specified despite the skepticism of almost all concerned (including the Joint Chiefs of Staff) is a real tribute to his genius. Many lessons are to be learned from the Inchon landing, not the least of which is that luck goes with boldness. At any number of points during the entire operation, extreme good fortune turned what could have been a disaster into a brilliant success. However, one should never forget that "good luck" is often the natural outcome of intelligence and hard work. The author covers the friction between Gen. Edward M. Almond, the corps commander of the invasion force, and his two division commanders (one Army and one Marine). He attempts to give an accurate account of the causes of this friction and concludes that it was pri-

marily a matter of three strong, capable officers, each with his own opinions, and each operating under tremendous strain.

In the final analysis, Sheldon's book is one of the most unbiased reports of this Korean action to date. There are some errors and contradictions, but

these are of minor importance and do not really detract from this valuable addition to what has already been written about MacArthur's last, and probably greatest, amphibious operation.

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