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Kelly, George A. *Lost Soldiers*. Cambridge: M.I.T. Press, 1965. 404 p.

In this book the author sets out to unravel the history and rationale of the French Army's conduct during the 15 years that the Army was "tom to its depths by conflicts it had neither the means nor the luck to surmount, heaped with abuse it did not merit, and led to react in a way that was aberrant and dangerous but finally understandable." It is a fascinating, complex and often painful tale of the French Army and Empire in crisis between the years 1947 and 1962. It is fascinating and painful reading for the military professional because, though he may not be able to understand or to feel like a Frenchman, he does understand and feel kinship for the professional values of the French military officer. The American military professional will note the many poignant parallels between the current United States involvement in South Vietnam and the events described in this book, and he may speculate regarding the impact of this unique conflict upon his own professional values. It is not suggested that anything as traumatic as the French Army's ideological involvement will occur in the American ranks. Rather, it is suggested that the military professional may derive some useful lessons from this account of an army involved in a kind of war for which it was ideologically unprepared and which drew it into a host of activities that normally fall within the civil administrative domain. Therefore, this book is highly recommended as a valuable contribution to the sociology of the military profession and to the literature of counterinsurgency.

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As developing nations look for short cuts to modernization and industrialization, there are many advisers on the world scene. Chiefly, today, there are democratic and Communist advisers. Communist advisers promise quicker results through controlled societies. For emerging peoples who are impatient with slow, discipline-requiring methods of development, this may account for the initial appeal of communism. But which of the two leading