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James Forrestal, a Study of Personality, Politics, and Policy

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Rogow, Arnold A. *James Forrestal, a Study of Personality, Politics, and Policy*. New York: Macmillan, 1963. 397p.

Mr. Rogow states that this book was intended to be a 'psychological portrait . . . that would focus on the complex interplay between Forrestal's personality, the policy process of which he was a part, and the political arena in which he was a central figure.' Against the background of historic events and decisions affecting the Navy - and later the entire Defense establishment - in which Forrestal played such a vital role, the author paints a broad picture of this complex man. He is shown to have had an early and intense concern over the threat of communism, a trait which affected many of his decisions. He made it his business to be concerned with a wide range of administration problems and policies, giving advice, criticizing, and making recommendations in situations far removed from his official status. Such methods earned him a proportionate share of enemies, and it is interesting to note that in spite of the great influence that he had on the Administration, he was usually at odds with the President (Truman), a situation which resulted in his resignation in March 1949. The last two months of Forrestal's life are treated in a considerate but straightforward manner. The only weakness in this otherwise excellent book is in the author's psychiatric speculations (e.g. to what extent was his decision to marry influenced by conscious or unconscious feelings about his mother?). Fortunately, this material is confined to the last chapter and does not detract from the earlier portions of the book.

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The Canadian Yearbook of International Law. Vancouver: University of British Columbia Publications Centre, 1963. 325p.

This is the first of what promises to be an outstanding series of essays by Canadians on international law. Naval officers should note this publication for several reasons. First, its quality is excellent and the writing style is lively and readable. Second, international law topics of particular interest to Canadians are of special professional concern, inasmuch as they emphasize maritime affairs, the enjoyment of international rivers, the control of aircraft and air traffic, and matters of pollution. These