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BOOKS

Whiting, Allen S. *China Crosses the Yalu*. New York: MacMillan, 1960. 219 p.

Mr. Allen Whiting, in his interestingly prepared and well-documented book, has sought to determine why the Chinese Communists intervened in the Korean War. The initial purpose of his inquiry was to determine the extent to which Chinese Communist policies emerged from developments attending the Korean War. His research encompassed additional topics of interest which he has included in his work. These include the question of limited war and the constraints which conditioned the course of the war. The author has carefully scrutinized the Communist press for clues on strategy and tactics during 1950, has made a penetrating study of U.S. government materials and has drawn upon other available sources for his presentation of the facts and the conclusions he has derived from them.

Smith, Robert F. *The United States and Cuba*. New York: Bookman Associates, 1960. 256 p.

This book is a study of business and diplomatic relations between the United States and Cuba during the years 1917-1960. The author places heavy emphasis on the business portion of such relations, and interprets every contact between the two countries in terms of sugar, tobacco, tariffs, banking and other industrial functions. The first four chapters, in fact, are a detailed recounting of all sugar agreements between the two countries, describing United States and Cuban moves, with dates, names and places. Fifty-four pages of profuse notes and bibliography are included. The thorough documentation and statistical approach make this book valuable for one who is interested in the commercial aspect of Cuban-United States relations.