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BOOKS

Fall, Bernard B. *Street without Joy; Indo-China at War, 1946-54*. Harrisburg, Pa.; Stackpole, 1961. 322 p.

Bernard Fall has succeeded in creating an object lesson in the efficacy of guerrilla tactics under jungle conditions when used against the more stylized and more road-bound tactics of the modern army. This book brings home the realization that: (1) fascination with modern weapons systems should not blind one to their comparative ineffectiveness under guerrilla combat conditions; (2) a hit-and-run war of this type requires large numbers of forces specifically trained for small unit operations under austere supply conditions; and (3) a country should not engage in such operations unless it is prepared to support them fully, even to what may be considered by some to be a disproportionate commitment of resources.

Plischke, Elmer. *Conduct of American Diplomacy*. 2nd. ed. Princeton, N.J.: Van Nostrand, 1961. 660 p.

Professor Elmer Plischke's second edition of *Conduct of American Diplomacy* undertakes an examination of the management of United States foreign relations. Concentrating on the principles, methods and machinery of diplomacy, it does not deal with the substance of American diplomatic history. This work is of value both as a general survey and a work of reference to the student of American foreign policy.

Kennan, George F. *Russia and the West under Lenin and Stalin*. Boston: Little, Brown, 1961. 411 p.

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