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## Nehru: The Years of Power

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## BOOKS

Ropp, Theodore, *War in the Modern World*. Durham, N. C., Duke University Press, 1959. 400 p.

This history of modern warfare traces the development of military technology from about 1400 through World War II, and correlates the political, economic and psychosocial factors with this military development. The author also presents, in nontechnical language, an appreciation of the works of the classical military writers — especially those of Clausewitz. The book includes an excellent general coverage of the relationship between air and ground operations and of the subject of command of the sea. These facets of modern war are discussed throughout the portions of the book dealing with events subsequent to the start of World War I, and thus serve to give the reader an excellent appreciation of the evolution of the various theories concerning these ever-present military matters. The author has employed an unusual footnoting method which provides a very valuable annotated bibliography of the major works on military history, and which would be extremely helpful to the researcher in this field.

Sheean, Vincent. *Nehru: The Years of Power*. New York, Random House, 1960, 306 p.

One does not have to read very far in Vincent Sheean's *Nehru: The Years of Power* to discover that the author is quite frankly biased on behalf of both Mr. Nehru and India. But in view of the one-sided press that India and Nehru's foreign policy have received in this country during the past decade, it is both refreshing and enlightening to view Nehru's and India's (they are both one, as Mr. Sheean points out) side of the picture as seen through the friendly eyes of the writer, a constant visitor to India for the past eleven years as well as a close personal friend of Nehru and of many other highly placed Indian government officials. To the interested reader the book gives an excellent overall picture of the many problems faced by the

new Republic of India and Mr. Nehru as chief of that republic during the past decade.

Siple, Paul A. *90° South*. New York, Putnam, 1959. 384 p.

This book is an interesting adventure account of the establishment and operation of the United States scientific station at the South Pole. The success of the mission was due to the combination of many years of planning and preparation plus the intense fortitude and devotion to duty of the Navy "Sea-bees" in the construction of the station in the face of almost impossible working conditions. The United States' contribution to the International Geophysical Year scientific program was enhanced greatly by this achievement, not to omit the prestige value of being the first country to establish itself on the polar cap. The author is an acknowledged expert on the subject of the Antarctic. Without his assistance as Scientific Leader the accomplishment of the mission would have been in doubt, and possibly the survival of the wintering-over party would itself have been jeopardized. He has described with understanding detail the day-to-day living under conditions of such extreme cold. He briefly covered the science program conducted by himself and the eight scientists, which comprised observations on weather, ionosphere, aurora and air glow, geomagnetism, seismology and glaciology. He also summarized the scientific objectives of the forty other IGY stations being maintained at Antarctica by eleven countries.

Munro, Leslie. *United Nations: Hope for a Divided World*. New York, Holt, 1960. 185 p.

Sir Leslie Munro, the author of *United Nations: Hope for a Divided World*, has had a distinguished career in the U. N. He was President of the Assembly in 1957 and 1958, as well as New Zealand's chief delegate to the United Nations. From his vantage point he has given his appraisal of the progress and accomplishments of the U. N. to date. As he indicates himself, this is not a book for scholars and international lawyers, but one designed to acquaint the general public with