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## America in the Modern World

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BOOKS

Morris, I.I. *Nationalism and the Right Wing in Japan*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1960. 476 p.

*Nationalism and the Right Wing in Japan* is a complete and well-documented study of post-World War II nationalism and the development of right-wing groups in Japan during the 1945-57 time span. An introductory essay by Professor Maruyama Masao, an eminent political scientist of Tokyo University, furnishes a concise survey of the traditional role of the right wing in Japanese politics. This essay, coupled with the historical and sociological background material introduced throughout the book, provides a bridge between the prewar development of rightist movements and present trends in Japan. Throughout the study Dr. Morris cautions that the dangers presented to the democratic cause by the extreme left may at times lead us to concentrate our concern exclusively on Communist movements, and thus to underrate the potential threat that may come from the opposite extreme. This book is recommended to students of Far Eastern affairs and is an important addition to the field of political science.

Brogan, Denis W. *America in the Modern World*. New Brunswick, N.J.: Rutgers University Press, 1960. 117 p.

*America in the Modern World* is derived from a group of lectures presented in 1959 by the author, a British professor at the University of Cambridge. D.W. Brogan terms himself, appropriately, a sympathetic foreigner. He begins by developing the historical reasons why the Americans find themselves in a world that regards them with envy and hostility as well as with admiration. He reminds us that it is fallacious to assume that the American system of democratic government is exportable; that the challenge to American democracy is to provide the leadership to

steer the rest of the world to freedom and well-being without requiring the adoption of American systems. Professor Brogan performs a valuable service by presenting Americans with an interesting and learned evaluation of their society as viewed by a friendly non-American, and by showing us how, in his opinion, the Free World can benefit through certain changes in that society.

Kingston-McCloughry, Edgar J. *Defense: Policy and Strategy*. New York: Praeger, 1960. 272 p.

Air Vice Marshal Kingston-McCloughry discusses British defense policy and strategy within the framework of the Western coalition. This coalition is united by a common purpose. Kingston-McCloughry starts with the generally accepted premise that total war must lead to total destruction and that total peace can be realized only through total surrender. His solution for this basic dilemma is a strategy of graduated deterrence, even though deterrence cannot be absolute, particularly in peripheral areas. Because of conflicts of national interests, members of the Western coalition have different strategic priorities. The author believes that large land or naval forces for local wars should have the highest priority in the United Kingdom, in view of world-wide Commonwealth commitments. He considers deterrent forces to be the primary obligation of the United States. The detailed discussions of the top echelons of the British defense establishment are probably the most valuable parts of the book from the standpoint of the American reader.

Chen, Theodore H.E. *Thought Reform of the Chinese Intellectuals*. London: Oxford University Press, 1960. 247 p.

Mr. Theodore Chen, the author of this interesting and well-documented study, is a professor of Asiatic Studies at the University of Southern California. Basing his discussions and analyses on confessions