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## Communism in Guatemala, 1944-1964

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## BOOKS

Loney, Glenn M. *Briefing in Conference Techniques*. New York, McGraw-Hill, 1959. 194 p.

This book is excellent for study, reference and guidance, incorporating in one volume the important elements of speech preparation and delivery, including fundamentals governing audio-visual aids. The individual without previous training will find it particularly helpful when faced with the problem of lecturing or briefing.

Moscow, Alvin. *Collision Course*. New York, Putnam, 1959. 309 p.

This book is written by an Associated Press reporter who covered the four months of court hearings in connection with the controversial collision at sea of the Andrea Doria and the Stockholm, and later interviewed the officers and crews of both ships, the passengers, the personnel engaged in the rescue and salvage work, and the lawyers and officials of both steamship lines. This definitive account is an excellent study of modern travel on the commercial sea routes of the Atlantic and gives argumentative support to the need for revision of the International Rules of the Road for present-day radar equipped ships. The tale is cleverly developed by switching the commentary from bridge to bridge as the ships close for their tragic meeting. This is a book of great interest to all seafaring men.

Schneider, Ronald M. *Communism in Guatemala, 1944-1954*. New York, Praeger, 1959. 350 p.

Lenin's "Communist Principle of Insurrection" states "Success at the point of overthrow depends upon the revolutionaries being able to endow their minority group with the effective strength of a majority." Dr. Schneider's carefully documented case study of the ten-year rise to power of Communism in Guatemala serves to prove that Lenin's precepts are still valid and are still being applied by practicing Communists. This book offers a detailed history of the means by which less than four thousand Communists in a nation of three million

persons manage to disunify, disorganize and demoralize the numerical majority to the point where no single group was able to withstand the Communist onslaught. Anyone who holds the opinion that a half million Communists within the Latin-American population of a hundred and seventy million is insignificant, or that this unified and purposeful group will be deterred by the proximity of the United States, the strength of Roman Catholicism, a political importance of the armies, or the stubborn individualism of Latin Americans will be re-educated by Dr. Schneider's book, which offers a startling revelation of the threat which world Communism poses on our southern flank. The book is documented from official government papers and is excellent background reading on Communist operations in the Latin American nations with emphasis on the continuing threat posed by this activity.

## PERIODICALS

Baar, James. "Red Threat from Antarctica." *Missiles and Rockets*, June 1, 1959, p. 15-16.

Discusses possibility of Russia's launching ICBM's from subs in Antarctic waters and also from bases in that region.

"Global Defense" *The General Electric Defense Quarterly*.  
April-June 1959.

An issue comprising the following articles: "The United Nations: Soviet Strategy and the Strategy of Freedom," by Henry Cabot Lodge; "An American Businessman Looks at Global Defense," by Frank Pace, Jr.; "Economic Defense," by W. Rogers Herod; "Integration for Global Defense: Role of the Defense Department," by John N. Irwin II; "West Germany's Role in Free World Defense," by Franz Josef Strauss; "France and World Security," by Pierre Lucien Jean Guillaumat; and "U. S. Industry and Global Defense," by Richard P. Coke.