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The evaluation of books listed below include those recommended to resident students of the Naval War College. Officers in the fleet and elsewhere may find them of interest.

The listing herein should not be construed as an endorsement by the Naval War College; they are indicated only on the basis of interesting, timely, and possibly useful reading matter.

Many of these publications may be found in ship and station libraries. Books on the list which are not available from these sources may be obtained from one of the Navy's Auxiliary Library Services Collections. These collections of books available for loan to individual officers are maintained in the Bureau of Naval Personnel; Headquarters ELEVENTH, FOURTEENTH, FIFTEENTH Naval Districts; and Commander Naval Forces, Marianas, Guam. Requests for the loan of these books should be made by the individual to the nearest Auxiliary Library Service Collection (See Article C9604, Bureau of Naval Personnel Manual, 1948).

- Title: *The Red Army.* 460 p.
- Author: Liddell Hart, B. H., ed. New York, Harcourt, Brace, 1956.
- Evaluation: This is one of those books written by multiple contributors, each dealing with his own particular specialty, and an editor trying to tie the whole thing together. There is, consequently, an unevenness as to pace, quality of writing and continuity. This is inevitable because of the subject. Any factual account of the Army of the U.S.S.R. must be made up of bits and scraps of pertinent information, to be fitted like a jig-saw puzzle into a single framework. The U.S.S.R. has consistently enjoyed a not inconsiderable reputation for secretiveness about the various aspects of its military machine. In spite of these difficulties, however, the editor of *The Red Army* — the well-known military analyst, Captain Liddell Hart — has succeeded in his purpose. He has provided a reliable account and a comprehensive picture of the Soviet Army in all its facets. The chapter on "Geography and Strategy," for example,

is noteworthy. The factors of geography are constant factors, despite quantum advances made in weapons systems. Thus, regardless of the existence or non-existence of thermonuclear weapons, should one be of a mind to take foot in hand and invade Russia, there are certain unyielding facts of geo-strategy that must be faced. The converse of the matter is equally a matter of concern to the Russians, should those worthies contemplate an adventure in the West, say, or in the Middle East.

Title: *Disarmament and Security.* 1,035 p.

Author: U. S. Congress. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. Washington, U. S. Government Printing Office, 1956

Evaluation: A very complete collection of important security documents on the control and reduction of armaments. There are 239 documents included in this collection, in full text or excerpt, and they are divided into three main parts: (1) Disarmament — Historical Background (1919-1945); (2) Problems of Disarmament and Security; and (3) Related Action in the United States Congress. This collection contains many documents on the interrelationship of disarmament, security, and peaceful settlement; the international control of weapons of mass destruction; the complex and crucial issues of inspection control and phasing in a disarmament system; control of arms, ammunition, and strategic materials; and problems of disarmament and security from the standpoint of strategic areas. There is appended to the collection a selected bibliography of supplementary official documentation, as well as books and articles on aspects of disarmament from non-official sources.

Title: *Soviet Total War.* 2 Vols.

Author: U. S. Congress. House Committee on Un-American Activities. Washington, U. S. Government Printing Office, 1956.

Evaluation: In the face of periodic tendencies to discount the severity of the communist threat to the free world, the House Committee on Un-American Activities has assembled here a symposium of more than 120 contributors which points up the deceptions and subterfuges, and *unchanging goals* of communism. Articles by experts in various fields — government, military, business, and labor leaders, political scientists and writers — each dealing with some phase

of the psychological, political, economic, sociological and military strategies of international communism.

- Title:** *Grand Strategy*. Vol. VI. 422 p.
- Author:** Ehrman, John. London, H. M. Stationery Office, 1956.
- Evaluation:** This is a volume in the official British series, *History of the Second World War*. It covers the evolution and conduct of grand strategy for the final months of the war, October 1944 to August 1945, at the highest level. It presents the British point of view in great detail and, for this reason, its chief value is as a reference work, giving long quotations from hitherto unpublished documents that bear on the evolution of grand strategy. The final chapter contains a good explanation of the British committee system at work.
- Title:** *Collective Defence in Southeast Asia: The Manila Treaty and its implications*. 179 p.
- Author:** Royal Institute of International Affairs. London, 1956.
- Evaluation:** A report on the historical and political background of events leading up to, and reasons behind, the creation of SEATO. Written primarily from a British point of view as the "old hand" in Southeast Asia, as compared with the "neophyte American" treatment of Southeast Asian countries, it is an interesting and informative report which puts the United States in the role of "latter-day enlightened colonialists who are learning" — however slow and expensive the process may be. Accurate comparative similarities are drawn between the SEATO Treaty and its counterparts, ANZUS (1954) and the Philippine-United States arrangement of 1951. A wealth of nineteenth and twentieth century historical data concerning Southeast Asian politics and affiliations is contained in the report. A concise appraisal of the developments leading up to, and the actual happenings of, the Indo-Chinese events of the 1950's are well covered. Added as appendices, in their official language, are the eight relevant treaties and armistice agreements affecting this vital area.
- Title:** *Problems in International Relations*. 330 p.
- Authors:** Gyorgy, Andrew and Gibbs, Hubert, eds.
- Evaluation:** The editors have adapted the case study treatment to twenty-five contemporary problems in the field of inter-

national relations. No effort has been made to make the treatment definitive; rather, the authors have presented their material in such a way as to facilitate further detailed study by both graduate and undergraduate students. Each case begins with a brief introduction, followed by a series of problems suggested for further analysis. The body of the case is then presented by an author qualified in the particular field. A suggested bibliography for the initiation of further study terminates each case.

PERIODICALS

Title: *Personal Report from Navy Air Secretary Norton.*
Publication: MISSILES AND ROCKETS, January, 1957,
p. 43-46.

Annotation: An interview with the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Air, in which he discusses the Navy's missile program.

Title: *The First Year of Deterrence.*
Author: Rabinowitch, Eugene.

Publication: BULLETIN OF THE ATOMIC SCIENTISTS,
January, 1957, p. 2-8.

Annotation: Contends that England and France abandoned the Egyptian invasion because of the Soviet threat and discusses the lessons of this demonstration of the power of air-atomic deterrence.

Title: *America's Troubled Canal.*
Publication: FORTUNE, February, 1957, p. 129-132, 160, 162,
167 and 168.

Annotation: Details United States problems with the Panama Canal in regard to sovereignty, needed improvements to keep up with peacetime traffic, and defense against nuclear weapons in wartime.

Title: *World Strategy and Suez.*
Author: Nicholl, A. D., Rear Admiral, Royal Navy.

Publication: THE NAVY, January, 1957, p. 2-4

Annotation: Attributes Soviet activity in the Middle East to the Communist aim of world domination, and shows how united action of the Western nations has blocked the advance of communism in various parts of the world since World War II.