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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 these of interest.

The listings herein should not be construed as an endorsement by the Naval War College; they are indicated only on the basis of interesting reading matter.

Many of these publications may be found in ship and station libraries. Some of the publications not available from these sources may be obtained from the Bureau of Naval Personnel Auxiliary Library Service, where a collection of books is available for loan to individual officers. Requests for the loan of these books should be made by the individual to the nearest branch of the Chief of Naval Personnel. (See Article C-9604, Bureau of Naval Personnel Manual, 1948).

- Title:** *Administration in Foreign Affairs.* 275 p.
- Author:** MacMahon, Athur W. University, Alabama, University of Alabama Press, 1953.
- Evaluation:** One of the wisest and most competent analyses of the present day administration of foreign affairs in the United States. The first chapter is especially good. It stresses the useful idea that policy making, to be effective, must be a concept of judgment. In reaching this concept, MacMahon points out that the Defense Department and the Bureau of the Budget play as significant a role as the State Department. The succeeding chapters provide a penetrating summary of the organization and administration of the State Department and the recruitment and training of its personnel. The author is careful to indicate how the Department actually does work rather than merely how it is supposed to work. This book is recommended for all naval officers interested in the administration of foreign affairs and for those who have direct dealings with the State Department.

Title: *"America Through Foreign Eyes." The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science.*

Editor: Lambert, R. D. Philadelphia, American Academy of Political and Social Science, September, 1954.

Evaluation: This series of essays provides a most interesting summary of the attitudes of foreigners towards the United States. Its first section, entitled "Background," includes a useful essay on the analysis of American society by such prominent visitors as Alexis de Tocqueville, James Bryce and Max Weber. The second section, "As America Looks in Europe," includes two rather penetrating essays by a Frenchman and a German, explaining how the conflicts of national objectives and policies, the psychological and economic insecurities and the loss of control of the European nations over their own destinies affect the European view of the United States. There is also a useful essay by Frederick C. Barghoorn which summarizes his recent book on the Soviet image of the United States. The third section of the book, "How Foreign Students See Us," is less useful, although it does provide insight into Asian and Latin American attitudes which are not covered in the earlier sections. This book should be of real value to Naval officers concerned with the ideological and psychological aspects of national strategy, especially in relation to our own allies.

Title: *Red Design for the Americas: Guatemalan Prelude, 347 p.*

Author: James, Daniel. N. Y., John Day, 1954.

Evaluation: Traces the development of the pattern of communist infiltration of Central and South American countries.

Title: *Moslems on the March. 312 p.*

Author: Fernau, F. W. N. Y., Alfred A. Knopf, 1954.

Evaluation: An intelligent and easily readable summarization of the many and complex factors that make up modern Islam. It treats first of the great Islamic intercontinent that spreads from Northwest Africa in the west to the Gobi Desert and Indonesia in the north and east, and to the Belgian Congo in the south. It tells the amazing story of how the world of Islam expanded in 120 years to approximately its present limits. The book deals with the partition of Islam by France, by England, by Russia, and

by one Islamic nation, Turkey. The book suggests that Islam, with one-seventh of the world's people, occupies a strategic position across Russia's path to world conquest.

PERIODICALS

- Title:** *Sea Power's Control Forces.*
- Author:** Roll, George A., Colonel, U.S.M.C.
- Publication:** UNITED STATES NAVAL INSTITUTE
PROCEEDINGS, October, 1954, p. 1073-1083.
- Annotation:** Discusses the theory of control forces and the manner in which sea power may exercise control.
- Title:** *"The Bomb" on Men and Cities.*
- Author:** Weingard, S.
- Publication:** INTERAVIA, No. 8, 1954, p. 500-504.
- Annotation:** An article by a German on the problems associated with atomic warfare. Interesting to read a foreign viewpoint.
- Title:** *Red Air-Sea Buildup Poses Threat.*
- Author:** Jessup, A. W.
- Publication:** AVIATION WEEK, October 11, 1954, p. 15.
- Annotation:** Reports that the communists are building a modern air force in Asia and pushing their ring of bases up to the fringe of American outposts.
- Title:** *Morocco.*
- Author:** Douglas, William O.
- Publication:** LOOK, October 19, 1954, p. 33-37.
- Annotation:** The author describes the political situation in French Morocco and suggests that French policy must change if another Indo-China is to be prevented.
- Title:** *Will U. S. Help to Arm Russia?*
- Publication:** U. S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, October 8, 1954, p. 24-26.
- Annotation:** Describes some of the items which have been taken off the export "strategic" list: scrap iron, machine tools, military trucks, locomotives, and aluminum.

- Title:** *The Race for Atomic Supremacy.*
- Author:** Phillips, Thomas R., Brigadier General, U.S.A., (Ret.).
- Publication:** ANTI-AIRCRAFT JOURNAL, September-October, 1954, p. 2-5.
- Annotation:** A comparison of Russian and U. S. aircraft development shows that the Soviet Union is ahead of the West in defensive air forces and making rapid progress in building long-range bombers.
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- Title:** *The Cold War Reaches the Antarctic.*
- Publication:** FORTUNE, November, 1954, p. 111, 226, 228.
- Annotation:** Reports on the naval expedition being dispatched to the Antarctic continent primarily for scientific research but also to keep alive American rights to an area potentially rich in natural resources which has attracted the interest of other nations, especially Soviet Russia.
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- Title:** *The Atomic Revolution in Warfare.*
- Author:** Phillips, Thomas R., Brigadier General, U.S.A., (Ret.).
- Publication:** BULLETIN OF THE ATOMIC SCIENTISTS, October, 1954, p. 315-317.
- Annotation:** General Phillips, military analyst of the St. Louis Post Dispatch, succinctly states the problems of the military forces in facing a situation where we must be prepared for either atomic or non-atomic war or a combination of both.
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- Title:** *The Cruel Sea.*
- Author:** Chamberlain, John.
- Publication:** BARRON'S, October 25, 1954, p. 3, 17-18.
- Annotation:** Analyzes Russian naval strategy as indicated by the concentration on submarines and by the naval aviation program and considers the implications of Russian naval strength for the U. S. Navy.
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- Title:** *American Foreign Policy in a World Adrift.*
- Author:** Oliver, Robert T.
- Publication:** VITAL SPEECHES OF THE DAY, October 15, 1954, p. 776-781

Annotation: Examines the nature of our difficulties in the conduct of foreign policy under present world conditions, urging a strong assertion of leadership by the U. S.

Title: *Command of the Sea.*

Publication: ORDNANCE, September-October, 1954, p. 201.

Annotation: A brief statement on the role of the U. S. Navy in the defense of the U. S. under the direction of Admiral Robert B. Carney, Chief of Naval Operations.

Title: *The Changing Nature of War.*

Author: Sackton, F. J., Colonel (Inf.), U.S.A.

Publication: MILITARY REVIEW, November, 1954, p. 52-62.

Annotation: Colonel Sackton examines some of the tangible elements of military strategy, particularly weapons and weapons systems, in the light of the possible effects upon the less tangible, political and sociological elements. He plays the possible effect of mass destruction upon post-aims against the value of the objectives to be obtained by their use in a very interesting manner.