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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: *Midway, The Battle That Doomed Japan.* 266 p.

Authors: Fuchida, Mitsuo and Okumiya, Masatke. Annapolis Md., U. S. Naval Institute, 1955.

Evaluation: A detailed account of the Battle of Midway from the Japanese point of view, including the course of events leading up to the battle and its place in the overall Japanese strategic concept. The authors, both ex-Japanese naval aviators, were both present at the battle and appear eminently qualified to write this book. Their approach is objective, and they are free with their criticism of the Japanese conduct of the battle. The book is very readable, and should be of interest to all naval officers, particularly those who may have participated in the battle themselves. It is further recommended for its illustrations of the consequences of fundamental planning errors and lack of vision on the part of a commander.

Title: *U. S. Military Doctrine.* 256 p.

Author: Smith, Dale O. N. Y., Duell, Sloan and Pearce, 1955.

Evaluation: General Smith has made an analytical study of military doctrine and national policy in the United States from

the time of the Revolutionary War, demonstrating the effects that the philosophies of the famous military theorists have had upon national military policy through the years. He deprecates the nine principles of war and heralds the four military doctrines of professionalism, unity of command, celerity with the counteroffensive, and technical application as comprising our dynamic new military policy. He feels that this policy is in accord with the executive policy of the government for the first time in history.

Title: *Admiral Ambassador to Russia.* 533 p.

Authors: Standley, William H., and Ageton, Arthur A.,
Chicago, Henry Regnery Co., 1955.

Evaluation: A report of the author's behind-the-scenes story of a crucial period in our wartime alliance with Soviet Russia and the critical maneuvers and problems facing the United States during his mission to Moscow, from April, 1942 to October, 1943. The inner workings of the Soviet state and government, the difficulty encountered by diplomatic officials in negotiating with the Russians, and a description of the people and the country are well related by the author in a most interesting manner. It is also a report of the conduct of American diplomacy under President Roosevelt.

Title: *France: The Tragic Years.* 360 p.

Author: Huddleston, Sisley. N. Y., The Devin-Adair Co.,
1955.

Evaluation: This is a book, by an author who has a deep love of France and the French, and who is obviously protesting as almost unbelievable the actions of Frenchmen which led to the fall of France, to dissension during and after occupation, and to the hates which remained to plague the country. He seems to judge all people and all actions against the criterion of the country which France ought to be. He is merciless in presentation of those who acted for personal prestige, and sentimental in treating those who acted for France; that is, the France that could and should be. The book covers the entire period from the opening phase of World War II until 1947, with brief treatment of 1947-1952. Of particular interest toward a better understanding of present feelings among Frenchmen is the treatment of "Revolution and Terror, 1944-46" the remnants of which still influence political and economic actions in France.

- Title:** *The Communist Struggle in Malaya.* 146 p.
- Author:** Hanrahan, Gene Z. N. Y., Institute of Pacific Relations, 1954.
- Evaluation:** The author traces the origin and early development of Malayan Communism, its activities, and its revolutionary course in the post-war years. The time span covers roughly nineteen years, from 1934 through 1953. This is a scholarly treatise, well documented, and enlivened with personal comments by the author. As a case study in the revolutionary Communist doctrines and operations, it is of value to the serious student of the course of Communism in the old colonial countries of the Far East. In addition, there is appended series of Communist Party doctrine papers for operations in the Far East.

- Title:** *Sea Wolves.* 340 p.
- Author:** Frank, Wolfgang. N. Y., Rinehart & Co., Inc., 1955.
- Evaluation:** An account of U-boat operations in World War II, and of Admiral Donitz's part therein. The author, who was Donitz's Public Relations Officer, attempts to glorify the U-boat service and their commander at every turn, maximizing their successes and minimizing their mistakes. However, apparently without realizing it, he reveals as much German error as he does German brilliance. Instances of brilliance were the alertness for revising strategy and tactics to meet changing opposition; the alacrity with which defective torpedoes were corrected; the remarkable speed with which the Type XXI was brought out and constructed in numbers, despite Allied bombings. On the other hand, the failure to have ready more U-boats at the war's start, and the failure to employ against England more of those available; failure ever to provide adequate air reconnaissance, etc. are instances of serious mistakes.

PERIODICALS

- Title:** "31-Knot" Burke — *How Will He Run the Navy?*
- Author:** Karig, Walter.
- Publication:** COLLIER'S, September 16, 1955, p. 21-25.
- Annotation:** Reviews the career of Admiral Arleigh Burke, Chief of Naval Operations.

- Title:** *The Planet Earth.*
- Publication:** SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN, September, 1955.
- Annotation:** The entire issue is devoted to a discussion of geophysical properties of the earth. The eleven articles include one of special naval interest: "The Voyage of the ATKA."
- Title:** *Prisoner Issue.*
- Author:** Murray, J. C., Colonel, U.S.M.C.
- Publication:** MARINE CORPS GAZETTE, August, 1955, p. 32-41 and September, 1955, p. 28-35.
- Annotation:** Conclusion of a comprehensive survey of the many factors surrounding the Korean armistice negotiations, together with a discussion of the modern prisoner-of-war problem.
- Title:** *The Rise of Russian Sea Power.*
- Author:** Hittle, J. D., Colonel, U. S. M. C.
- Publication:** MARINE CORPS GAZETTE, August, 1955, p. 20-27 and September, 1955, p. 12-19.
- Annotation:** A comprehensive article dealing with the history of Russian sea power and a survey of the current situation. Considered in its global aspects, the rise of modern Russian sea power presents profoundly serious implications. There may be some doubt in the Free World as to the importance of sea power in a war with the Communists. However, there is no doubt in the Kremlin as to how important the maintenance of sea lanes is to the non-Communist world.
- Title:** *Principles of Sea Power.*
- Author:** Carney, Robert B., Admiral, U.S.N., (Ret.)
- Publication:** UNITED STATES NAVAL INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS, September, 1955, p. 967-985.
- Annotation:** In summarizing his philosophy of sea power, the former Chief of Naval Operations discusses the growth of Communist sea power and its effect on the United States and its allies.
- Title:** *Defense of the Free World.*
- Author:** Liddell-Hart, Captain B. H.
- Publication:** MARINE CORPS GAZETTE, September, 1955, p. 36-41.
- Annotation:** A discussion by this world-famous military writer on

modern requirements for the defense of the Free World, in which he examines the fallacies of a policy of 'massive retaliation' and suggests other methods for checking aggression.

- Title:** *The Revolutionary Strategy of Mao Tse-Tung.*
- Authors:** Katzenbach, Edward L., Jr., and Hanrahan, Gene Z.
- Publication:** POLITICAL SCIENCE QUARTERLY, September, 1955, p. 321-340.
- Annotation:** An analysis and evaluation of Mao Tse-Tung's military doctrine as expounded in his works and employed in the Chinese Civil War, The Korean War, Indo-China and Malaya.
- Title:** *Armed Forces Unification and the Pentagon Officer.*
- Authors:** Henry, Andrew F., Masland, John W., and Radway, Laurence I.
- Publication:** PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION REVIEW, Summer, 1955, p. 173-180.
- Annotation:** Part of a larger study of military education, with emphasis on the preparation of career officers for policy level responsibilities, this article reports some of the demands that have been placed upon military officers in the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Joint Chiefs of Staff.
- Title:** *Year One of the Peacetime Atom.*
- Author:** Bello, Francis.
- Publication:** FORTUNE, August, 1955, p. 113-116, 172-175.
- Annotation:** A report on A.E.C., and United States industry's efforts and plans for developing nuclear power. (Drawings of six reactors includes that used to power the NAUTILUS).
- Title:** *Red Far East Air Buildup Continues.*
- Author:** Witze, Claude.
- Publication:** AVIATION WEEK, August 1, 1955, p. 12.
- Annotation:** Reports that the ROK air force chief is worried, with only two wings of F-51's and F-86's facing 300 Mig-15's and 100 II-28's.

- Title:** *"Cold War" Goes On.*
- Publication:** U. S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, August 5, 1955, p. 19-21.
- Annotation:** Points out that while the diplomats talk, the Communists are hard at work taking over various parts of Europe and Asia. (List of areas, p. 21).
- Title:** *The Future of Our Professional Diplomacy.*
- Author:** Kennan, George F.
- Publication:** FOREIGN AFFAIRS, July, 1955, p. 566-586.
- Annotation:** A critical analysis of recommendations of the Wriston Committee on the Foreign Service of the United States.
- Title:** *The New Latin America and the United States.*
- Author:** Johnson, John J.
- Publication:** THE PACIFIC SPECTATOR, Summer, 1955, p. 244-255.
- Annotation:** Describes social and economic changes in the nations of Latin America and considers the meaning of these developments in terms of the area's relations with the United States.
- Title:** *The Interdependence of Logistics and Strategic Planning.*
- Author:** Ruehlow, S. E., Captain, U.S.N.
- Publication:** NAVAL RESEARCH LOGISTICS QUARTERLY, December, 1954, p. 237-257.
- Annotation:** Traces the development of planning from the beginning of World War II through its evolution to the present concurrent planning, showing the responsibility of the J. C. S. and the development of requirements based on J. C. S. strategic plans. (Includes charts and bibliography).
- Title:** *The Soviet Navy.*
- Author:** Baldwin, Hanson W.
- Publication:** FOREIGN AFFAIRS, July, 1955, p. 587-604.
- Annotation:** Discusses the size, composition and organization of the Russian Navy and assesses present Soviet naval capabilities

Title: *The Development of Political-Military Consultation in the United States.*

Author: May, Ernest R.

Publication: POLITICAL SCIENCE QUARTERLY, June, 1955, p. 161-180.

Annotation: Traces the steps taken in coordination of political and military views on foreign policy over the past fifty years, culminating in the establishment of the National Security Council.

Title: *Unconditional Surrender Reconsidered.*

Author: Chase, John L.

Publication: POLITICAL SCIENCE QUARTERLY, June, 1955, p. 258-279.

Annotation: An evaluation of the World War II policy of unconditional surrender, based upon an analysis of available records.