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RECOMMENDED READING

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. 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 Net that Covers the World.* 315 p.
- Author: Cookridge, E. H. N. Y., Henry Holt, 1955.
- Evaluation: A well-written and interesting account of the Soviet secret police system. Beginning with a historical narrative of the traditional Czarist background of the present Soviet secret police organization, the reader is lead into a detailed outline of the subdivisions of the present-day system, the functioning of the Soviet secret police organization, and the extent and activities of the police-controlled Comintern nets throughout the world. Many interesting details of world-famous incidents, such as the murders of Jan Masaryk of Czechoslovakia and Leon Trotsky in Mexico, are revealed. The author concludes that the "really disastrous failures (of the system) have been concerned not with obtaining information, but in interpreting it." The final chapter contains a warning to the readers to consider all Soviet diplomats, representatives and citizens as potential secret police agents.

- Title:** *Inside Africa.* 952 p.
- Author:** Gunther, John.
- Evaluation:** A well-written account of personages and areas encountered or visited by Mr. Gunther in his 40,000-mile quest for research material. It contains short biographical sketches of political and social leaders of the various countries of Africa. In addition, it covers in concise form the underlying reasons for the social, economic and political unrest that is encountered in Africa today, with particular emphasis on the "nationalism" of the various "Black" and "Arabic" political parties, and the "color bar" placed on the "Black Africans" by the sometimes ruthless Europeans. It also explains the different theories of government as set forth by the British, French and Belgians looking toward future self-rule. This book, like the others of the "Inside" series by Mr. Gunther, is very readable and provides a somewhat modern approach toward understanding the reasons for the nationalistic "uprisings" that are occurring almost daily in North Africa.

PERIODICALS

- Title:** *After the Geneva Conference.*
- Author:** *Interavia* Study Group
- Publication:** INTERAVIA, September, 1955, p. 665-683.
- Annotation:** Presents three articles under this heading: (1) discusses President Eisenhower's proposals for arms control by air reconnaissance and the launching of a space satellite; (2) describes U. S. air defense; (3) deals with Russian air power.
- Title:** *How Russians "Stormed Sonic Barrier."*
- Publication:** AVIATION WEEK, September 12, 1955, p. 21-31.
- Annotation:** A translation of an article in a Russian periodical, in which the Soviets claim all honors in the application of sweepback as a means of reducing speed drag at high speed.
- Title:** *Is Amphibious Warfare Dead?*
- Author:** Canzona, Nicholas A., Captain, U. S. M. C.
- Publication:** UNITED STATES NAVAL INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS, September, 1955, p. 987-991.

- Annotation:** Evaluates the types of modern warfare and, in pointing out the devastation possible from a thermonuclear attack, concludes that amphibious warfare still stands as a potent implement of strategy.
- Title:** *On the "Originality" of Mao Tse-tung.*
- Author:** Schwartz, Benjamin
- Publication:** FOREIGN AFFAIRS, October, 1955, p. 67-76.
- Annotation:** Considers some of the problems of Chinese Communist history upon which some light is shed by careful study of Mao Tse-tung's Selected Works.
- Title:** *America's Reds Dig In.*
- Author:** Thompson, Craig.
- Publication:** THE SATURDAY EVENING POST, September 17, 1955, p. 40 and 105-106.
- Annotation:** Reports that the Communist Party in the U. S. is being forced underground and reviews recent events in labor unions to show the Communist strategy employed.
- Title:** *Now Another Island is Causing Trouble.*
- Publication:** U. S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, September 16, 1955, p. 28-29.
- Annotation:** A brief account of the present dispute in which Britain, Greece and Turkey are involved over the island of Cyprus.
- Title:** *Royal Commission Tells How Soviet Spy System Works.*
- Publication:** U. S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, September 23, 1955, p. 98-106.
- Annotation:** Extracts from a Royal Commission study made in Australia tells how a Russian spy network operates.
- Title:** *Annual Review of Naval Aviation.*
- Publication:** THE NAVY, September, 1955.
- Annotation:** This issue on British naval aviation includes articles entitled "Fleet Air Arm" and "The Carrier as a Strategic Weapon."

Title: *After Geneva: A Greater Task for NATO.*
Author: Pearson, Lester B.
Publication: FOREIGN AFFAIRS, October, 1955, p. 14-23.
Annotation: The Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada outlines the course to follow in the new and warmer international climate which the conference at the summit generated.

Title: *Britain's Changing Military Policy.*
Author: De Weerd, H. A.
Publication: FOREIGN AFFAIRS, October, 1955, p. 102-116.
Annotation: Surveys the British attitude toward defense and the use of nuclear weapons since World War II; points out her value as an ally, emphasizing her influence even now in Asian affairs.

Title: *Russian Navy Dangerous — Carney.*
Author: Foss, William O.
Publication: NAVY TIMES, September 10, 1955, p. 1 and 12.
Annotation: Deals with the contents of the report by former Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Robert B. Carney, on naval activities during fiscal year 1955.

Title: *Expansion of International Trade.*
Author: Waugh, Samuel C.
Publication: THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE BULLETIN, August 22, 1955, p. 303-305.
Annotation: A brief discussion of U. S. policy in regard to international trade. (Chart, showing percent of strategic materials U. S. obtains from abroad).

Title: *What's Behind Soviet Disarmament?*
Author: Garthoff, R. L.
Publication: THE ARMY COMBAT FORCES JOURNAL, October, 1955, p. 22-27.
Annotation: The author claims that the recently announced reduction of 640,000 in the strength of the Soviet Armed Forces

was merely a reallocation of "surplus" military manpower to the understrength economic sector (particularly industrial and agricultural) of Soviet national power. It was not "disarming" to "ease world tensions," but actually was made to increase over-all Soviet strength vis-a-vis the Free World. "The only real Soviet attempt at 'disarming' is the attempt to disarm us both politically and militarily."

- Title:** *Global Mobility.*
- Author:** Eliot, Major George Fielding.
- Publication:** ORDNANCE, September-October, 1955, p. 216-218.
- Annotation:** A short article comparing the geographic situation of North America with that of Russia, and pointing out the great advantage of the American situation. Notes that Russia's power is largely land-based, while America's power is far less dependent upon fixed bases, and therefore has greater strategic mobility. Emphasizes that while Russia may enjoy an advantage in weapons or men at any given time, the limits which apply to any land-based power will apply to them as well and tend to offset their advantage to a considerable extent. This article is of interest to students of Mahan and Spykman, for it develops to a small degree their ideas within a modern framework.
- Title:** *Middle East: Ingredients of War.*
- Publication:** NEWSWEEK, October 10, 1955, p. 50, 53-54 and 56.
- Annotation:** A concise analysis of the present diplomatic crisis concerning Egypt, Algeria and Cyprus, which pose a threat to Middle East defenses.
- Title:** *The Battle of Midway.*
- Author:** Eller, E. M., Rear Admiral, U. S. N.
- Publication:** ORDNANCE, September-October, 1955, p. 237-240.
- Annotation:** A brief description of the battle early in World War II, which more than any other affected the outcome of the Pacific War. The author generalizes from the lessons learned in that battle to the need for a strong Navy, today, now that Russia has exceeded Britain in sea power

and is still growing. He makes a further point that not a single one of the many amphibious operations undertaken by the U. S. in World War II failed, and that the advent of nuclear weapons has added to the striking and amphibious capabilities of the U. S. Navy.

- Title:** *New Warfare — New Tactics.*
- Author:** Liddell-Hart, Captain B. H.
- Publication:** MARINE CORPS GAZETTE, October, 1955, p. 10-13.
- Annotation:** Discusses the tactics of future wars and points out that a policy of reliance on massive nuclear retaliation is something more than fallacious. Suggests that the power of defense over the attack has been lost sight of — a theme on which the author wrote considerably in pre-World War II days. Examines this concept of the strength of the defense in terms of World War II experiences and draws certain conclusions for new tactics in future wars.
- Title:** *Political Cooperation in the North Atlantic Community.*
- Author:** Padelford, Norman J.
- Publication:** INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, August, 1955, 353-365
- Annotation:** A study of political cooperation among the NATO nations which made possible the achievements of the past six years and which the author suggests could be developed in other fields as well as the military.
- Title:** *What Happened in the POW Camps.*
- Publication:** THE ARMY COMBAT FORCES JOURNAL, October, 1955, p. 32-35.
- Annotation:** A summary of the official report of the advisory committee on prisoners of war which gives some details of the treatment of U. S. prisoners by the North Koreans and Chinese. Although specific recommendations for remedial action by the military services are made, the most outstanding item is the conclusion that the individual must be indoctrinated in American ideals by school, family, church and community before he enters the military service.

- Title:** *Quemoy: The Immediate Threat to Peace.*
- Author:** Cooke, Charles M., Admiral, U. S. N. (Ret.)
- Publication:** COLLIER'S, October 14, 1955, p. 71-76.
- Annotation:** The former commander of the U. S. Seventh Fleet warns that Red China has not abandoned plans to take the Nationalists' islands and the success or failure of the Chinese Communists depends on what the U. S. does to stop them.
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- Title:** *An Atomic Navy—When.*
- Publication:** U. S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, September 30, 1955, p. 40 and 42.
- Annotation:** Presents a series of questions and answers dealing with changes in sight for U. S. sea power.