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The evaluations 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.

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 or the Chief of Naval Personnel. (See Article C-9604, Bureau of Naval Personnel Manual, 1948).

- Title:** *The Temper of Western Europe.* 118p.
- Author:** Brinton, Crane. Cambridge, Harvard University Press, 1953.
- Evaluation:** Mr. Brinton presents a very convincing case concerning the essential vitality of the peoples of Western Europe and shows in easily readable form the splendid progress in many fields which Western Europeans have made since World War II. While Mr. Brinton does not attempt to gloss over certain obvious weaknesses in our allies and their respective economies, he concludes that the assets, material and spiritual, which are embodied in Western Europe's culture are too valuable to be sold short or checked off in our reckoning. *The Temper of Western Europe* is a well written, interestingly presented volume which is worth while reading for the general student of current affairs.
- Title:** *Unconditional Hatred.* 273 p.
- Author:** Grenfell, Russell. N. Y., Devin-Adair Co., 1953.
- Evaluation:** A critical analysis of the political factors underlying recent European wars by a British naval officer who offers a controversial point of view that has not been generally publicized in recent years. His thesis is that the war aims and objectives of the allied political leaders in World Wars I and II were faulty in that they were not based on sound, long-range strategy. In particular he offers evidence to support his view that Germany is not the master aggressor of history that she has been declared to be since 1939, that

the Germans are no worse than other peoples of the world, and that the British should not hesitate to accept them as allies. Regardless of the merits of the argument, this well-written book is recommended to provide perspective and sharpen thought in the field of grand strategy.

- Title:** *Germany: Key to Peace.* 344 p.
Author: Warburg, James P. Cambridge, Harvard University Press, 1953.
Evaluation: The author traces the postwar policy of the United States toward Germany, and indicates the influence of British and French thought on such policy. He considers our policy toward the Germans to be a failure from the start, and recommends that a "hands-off" policy should have been arranged among the allies. The author repeatedly disagrees with U. S. policy from the beginning and describes his dissent as a "voice in the wilderness." He does not agree with the partition of Germany, nor does he believe that Western Germany should be rearmed. However, in summary the author states that "an All-German settlement would not of itself solve the problems of cold war in Europe." This book is a valuable addition to the literature on Germany in that it presents a decidedly different view than that of the majority, and one which has some over-all merit.

- Title:** *Struggle for Africa.* 251 p.
Author: Bartlett, Vernon. London. Frederick Muller Ltd., 1953.
Evaluation: A description of the whole continent of Africa, country by country, as Mr. Bartlett traveled through it. He has given a comprehensive picture of the different ways in which the white men of the various countries are dealing with the awakening blacks. Although he has written in great detail on the many problems, the author points out that he does not have the answers. This study is of value to anyone who would like an insight into the problems of Africa.

Periodicals

- Title:** *Don't Let Asia Split the West!*
Author: Pearson, Lester B.
Publication: WORLD, December, 1953, p. 9-14.
Annotation: Warns that the greatest threat to the unity of purpose

and policy of the Western grand alliance against communist imperialism and aggression lies in the Far East. (Map: "The Dynamics of Asia," p. 12-13).

- Title:** *The Impact of Atomic Energy.*
- Publication:** THE ANNALS OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCE, November, 1953 (entire issue)
- Annotation:** This issue contains 16 articles under four headings dealing with the impact of Atomic Energy on: (1) Nuclear Weapons; (2) Nuclear Power; (3) Political Power, and (4) Individuals in Society.
- Title:** *Aviation Looks Ahead on Its 50th Birthday.*
- Author:** Land, Emory S., Vice Admiral, U.S.N. (Ret).
- Publication:** THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE, December, 1953, p. 721-739.
- Annotation:** The President, Air Transport Association of America discusses future developments in aircraft and air transportation.
- Title:** *Red Bridgehead in the Guianas.*
- Author:** Weyl, Nathaniel.
- Publication:** THE FREEMAN, November 30, 1953, p. 159-162.
- Annotation:** An account of the rise of the People's Progressive Party (Communist) in British Guiana and the attempt to transform the colony to a Soviet-controlled "people's republic."
- Title:** *The Defense of Europe.*
- Author:** Gruenther, Alfred M., General, U.S.A.
- Publication:** THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE BULLETIN, November 9, 1953, p. 633-637.
- Annotation:** A report on the progress made by NATO in building the defense of Europe and on the problems still to be solved.

- Title:** *Coming — A "United States of Europe."*
- Publication:** U. S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, November 20, 1953, p. 64-72.
- Annotation:** An interview with Paul Reynaud, Vice Premier of France, in which he replies to questions relating to European federation and the problems of the French government.
- Title:** *The Unforgiving Map.*
- Author:** Eliot, George Fielding.
- Publication:** AMERICAN MERCURY, December, 1953, p. 49-54.
- Annotation:** Brief analysis of American military policy shows that we have never been able to "go it alone," and that we cannot maintain the bases which give us strategic mobility without the cooperation of others who oppose Soviet aggression.
- Title:** *The Soviet's War Potential.*
- Author:** Sokol, Dr. A. E.
- Publication:** MILITARY REVIEW, December, 1953, p. 44-60.
- Annotation:** Makes a general assessment of the Russian war potential and compares, when possible, conditions prevailing in the United States.
- Title:** *An Answer to Critics of the U. N.*
- Author:** Lodge, Henry Cabot, Jr.
- Publication:** THE NEW YORK TIMES MAGAZINE, November 22, 1953, p. 12, 34, 37.
- Annotation:** The U. S. delegate to the United Nations explains what the U. N. is and what it is not.
- Title:** *Problems of Coalition Diplomacy: The Korean Experience.*
- Author:** Alstedter, Norman.
- Publication:** INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL, Autumn, 1953, p. 256-265
- Annotation:** An examination of the problems of Western unity in the context of an excellent summary of the Korean truce talks.

- Title:** *Fastest-Spreading Revolution: Communism.*
- Publication:** U. S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, November 13, 1953, p. 35-37.
- Annotation:** A report on the actual strength of communism around the world today, drawn from a report of a special subcommittee on security affairs of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. (Chart, giving strength in areas of the world, p. 36-37).
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- Title:** *The Mind of Asia A World Debate.*
- Author:** Menon, Lakshmi and Bowles, Chester.
- Publication:** WORLD, November, 1953, p. 10-17.
- Annotation:** Nehru's parliamentary secretary defends the Asian's point of view and attacks that of the Westerner. The former Ambassador to India in his reply outlines the basis for a new understanding between Americans and Asians.
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- Title:** *The Strategic Importance of the Netherlands.*
- Author:** "Batavus."
- Publication:** UNITED STATES NAVAL INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS, November, 1953, p. 1201-1211.
- Annotation:** The military correspondent of a Netherlands newspaper makes a study of the importance of Holland to the defense of Western Europe.