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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:** *Soviet Military Doctrine.* 587 p.
- Author:** Garthoff, Raymond L. Glencoe, Ill., The Free Press, 1953.
- Evaluation:** This book explains the relationship between the Soviet military and political doctrine; it analyzes Soviet principles of war, and it discusses field doctrine—organization, technical, and operational. Army, Navy and Air missions, with implementing doctrine as revealed, are interesting and informative. The organization of the Soviet Armed Forces is included as Appendix I. The entire volume is of value to the military man. Part I, "Bases of Military Doctrine," is of particular concern to strategy students. The ideas of Soviet leaders are revealed and should be studied.

- Title:** *The Arab World.* 412 p.
- Author:** Izzeddin, Nejla. Chicago, Henry Regnery Co., 1958.
- Evaluation:** The author deals with the historical and cultural development of the Arabs in the Middle East and Mediterranean areas and with the present situation and future prospects of the Arab world. She provides a broad and comprehensive review of the entire Arab problem in one volume. This work is principally of value to the reader beginning a study of the Middle East. It is a very convincing presentation of the current Arab attitudes and beliefs and their firm basis in the political and cultural history of the Arabs.

- Title:** *Triumph and Tragedy*. 800 p.
- Author:** Churchill, Winston S. Boston, Houghton Mifflin Co., 1953.
- Evaluation:** Sir Winston Churchill presents the final volume of his monumental history of the Second World War. He states the theme of this section as: "How the Great Democracies Triumphed and so Were Able to Resume the Follies Which Had so Nearly Cost Them Their Life." Book One is entitled: "The Tide of Victory," and narrates events from D-day in Normandy through the British intervention in Greece to the end of 1944. Book Two, "The Iron Curtain," somewhat more interpretive in approach, takes in events from Yalta to the end of the war, with heavy emphasis on the Russian machinations to set up their present system of satellites. This last volume of Mr. Churchill's great work is perhaps the most significant for the reader of today. Its narrative of the closing year of the war is distinctly subordinated to a thoughtful and documented commentary on how we failed to gain the advantage we might have expected from our victory. *Triumph and Tragedy* is, together with the rest of the series, a reference work of major importance. Because of the sharp relevance of its lessons to the dilemmas of today, this volume is also recommended reading. The heavy documentation makes complete study difficult, but the different size of type between quotations and text makes scanning easy, and the reader can select portions of particular interest for more careful perusal.

- Title:** *Modern China's Foreign Policy*. 399 p.
- Author:** Levi, Werner. Minneapolis, University of Minnesota Press, 1953.
- Evaluation:** The author addresses himself objectively to the underlying causes and current objectives of modern China's foreign policy. Confining himself to the briefest possible history of the early development of China's foreign policies, the major portion of his book is devoted to post-World War II policies. Mr. Levi takes no partisan view of the "China Question" that raged and still rages, so bitterly on the American political scene in his penetrating analysis. An extremely well-written and easily-readable book, his discussion of the Chinese Communist long-term objectives are worthy of study and reflection.

Title: *The Navy as an Instrument of Policy, 1558-1727.*
404 p.

Author: Richmond, Herbert. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 1953.

Evaluation: A history of British naval operations for the period of 1558-1727, written from the point of view of their relation to grand strategy. It is a posthumous book of the author, Sir Herbert Richmond, who was probably one of the greatest modern historians and naval analysts. As an analysis of naval strategy it contains little that has not been covered in his previous work, *Statesmen and Seapower*. The book is valuable for reference use for those who are researching the period covered, or for those looking for historical examples of the employment of naval forces in grand strategy.

Title: *Britain and the United States.* 224 p.

Authors: Roberts, Henry L., and Wilson, Paul A., N.Y., Royal Institute of International Affairs, 1953.

Evaluation: An examination of various factors which have aided or prevented post-World War II cooperation between Britain and the United States. Jointly prepared by study groups of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Royal Institute of International Affairs, the report describes divergent views in economics, security, foreign and domestic policies. The individual appraisals of the problems besetting these two countries are informative and appear candid. The analysis of the complexities surrounding the British position in the conduct of the economic affairs of the United Kingdom is particularly enlightening.

PERIODICALS

Title: *City Hall Politics in Italy.*

Author: Mower, Edgar Ansel.

Publication: THE ATLANTIC, December, 1953, p. 59-61.

Annotation: Attributes the success of communism in Italy to a fact overlooked by U. S. officials overseas — its efficiency as a party machine.

Title: *The New Anti-Americanism in Japan.*

Author: Kawai, Kazuo.

Publication: FAR EASTERN SURVEY, November, 1953, p. 153-157.

Annotation: Summarizes the factors, political, social and psychological,

that contribute to the present Japanese attitude toward America.

- Title:** *Strategic and Logistic Planning.*
- Author:** Gray, Louis P., III, Commander, U.S.N.
- Publication:** U. S. NAVAL INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS, December, 1953, p. 1321-1330.
- Annotation:** Discusses the relationship between strategic and logistic planning illustrated in past campaigns and emphasizes the importance of logistic preparation to carry out strategic plans for the future.
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- Title:** *General Emory Upton — The Army's Mahan.*
- Author:** Brown, Richard C.
- Publication:** MILITARY AFFAIRS, Fall, 1953, p. 125-131.
- Annotation:** Deals with the work of General Upton whose influence on the modern American Army compares with that of Mahan's in regard to the modern American Navy.
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- Title:** *The Commands of NATO.*
- Publication:** PEGASUS, November, 1953, p. 7-10.
- Annotation:** Outlines the responsibilities of SACLANT and the Channel Command, the Naval Commands in the organization of the defense of Europe, which are co-equal with SHAPE.
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- Title:** *Mao's Second Team.*
- Author:** Russell, George B.
- Publication:** THE FREEMAN, December 14, 1953, p. 204-205.
- Annotation:** Presents information on five English-speaking Chinese communists who are specialists in psychological warfare and are allegedly being trained by Mao to move into the international arena if China is admitted to the U.N.
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- Title:** *Nuclear Energy and Sea Power.*
- Author:** Steele, George P., Lieutenant, U.S.N.
- Publication:** UNITED STATES NAVAL INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS, December, 1953, p. 1314-1319.
- Annotation:** Considers the effect of nuclear power in ships upon sea

power and calls for a program of personnel training to ensure successful naval utilization of atomic power.

- Title:** *Sea Power's Role in Atomic Warfare.*
- Author:** Reinhart, George C., Colonel, U.S.A.
- Publication:** UNITED STATES NAVAL INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS, December, 1953, p. 1279-1287.
- Annotation:** Deals with the impact of atomic weapons upon the Navy's mission and concludes that they will enhance the Navy's offensive strength at a time when it is being greatly relied upon.
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- Title:** *Counterattack on Undersea Marauders.*
- Author:** Akers, Frank, Rear Admiral, U.S.N.
- Publication:** ARMY INFORMATION DIGEST, December, 1953, p. 9-13.
- Annotation:** The Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Undersea Warfare) makes an evaluation of the submarine's chances in the event of a third world war.
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- Title:** *Defense and Strategy.*
- Publication:** FORTUNE, December, 1953, p. 77-78, 82, 84.
- Annotation:** Discusses the rejection of Secretary Wilson's first defense budget by the National Security Council, and the debate on a new strategic concept based on atomic weapons.
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- Title:** *American Forces in Europe.*
- Publication:** PEGASUS, November, 1953, p. 3-5.
- Annotation:** Explains the command structure of American forces in Europe and their relationship to the NATO commands.
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- Title:** *Soviet Inland Water Network.*
- Publication:** MILITARY REVIEW, December, 1953, p. 78-82.
- Annotation:** A comprehensive discussion of the existing and proposed inland waterways in the Soviet Union and her satellites. (Translated and digested from Revue Militaire d'Information, 10 February 1953).

- Title:** *The Treatment of Aerial Intruders in Recent Practice and International Law.*
- Author:** Lissitzyn, Oliver J.
- Publication:** THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, October, 1953, p. 559-589.
- Annotation:** Surveys the practice and doctrine with respect to intruding aircraft to the end of World War II, examines incidents since that time, and outlines certain standards of international law that may be regarded as established or in the process of being established.
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- Title:** *Nuclear Weapons: Strategic or Tactical.*
- Author:** Brodie, Bernard.
- Publication:** FOREIGN AFFAIRS, January, 1954, p. 217-229.
- Annotation:** Deals with the trends in atomic weapons development and the implication of military utilization of these weapons.
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- Title:** *The Past is Prologue.*
- Author:** Ofstie, Ralph. Vice Admiral, U.S.N.
- Publication:** SPERRYSCOPE, 4th Quarter, 1953, p. 7-10.
- Annotation:** Asserts that the Navy's principal stake is in the carrier-force-weapons system and reviews the growth of carrier weapons.
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- Title:** *Big Three Warns Aggressors.*
- Publication:** U. S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, December 18, 1953, p. 55.
- Annotation:** Presents the full text of the communique' issued by leaders of the American, British and French governments at the end of the Bermuda Conference.
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- Title:** *Anti-Bandit War.*
- Author:** Murray, J. C., Colonel, U.S.M.C.
- Publication:** MARINE CORPS GAZETTE, January, 1954, p. 14-23.
- Annotation:** An excellent article on the first real step in the policy of containment, the aid to Greece in her fight against communist expansion.

- Title:** *Peace Through the H-Bomb?*
Author: Herald, George W.
Publication: WORLD, January 1, 1954, p. 9-12.
Annotation: Considers the effect of an H-bomb war, also the possibilities of an H-bomb peace.
- Title:** *Influence of Sea Power in the Indian Ocean.*
Author: Venkatachar, C. S.
Publication: THE JOURNAL OF THE UNITED SERVICE INSTITUTION OF INDIA, July-October, 1953, p. 153-163.
Annotation: Briefly traces the history of sea power in the Indian Ocean from early times to the present.
- Title:** *Japan's Predicament.*
Author: Hittle, J. D., Colonel, U.S.M.C.
Publication: MARINE CORPS GAZETTE, January, 1954, p. 44-49.
Annotation: An important article of interest to all students in their study of our position in the Far East and the factors influencing it.
- Title:** *Air Power at Sea: A Fiasco in Flexibility.*
Author: Grenfell, Russell, Captain, R. N.
Publication: THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY, January, 1954, p. 56-60.
Annotation: Tells how the Nazi cruisers SCHARNHORST and GNEI-SENAU ran the gauntlet of British sea and air power and escaped from their French base through the English Channel.
- Title:** *Strategy of Restraint or Chaos Unlimited.*
Author: Baldwin, Hanson W.
Publication: COMBAT FORCES JOURNAL, January, 1954, p. 10-13.
Annotation: An able and scholarly study of morality as applied to the next war combined with an estimate of the ends desired in a war with Russia.

Title: *The New Look.*
Author: Radford, Arthur W., Admiral, U.S.N.
Publication: VITAL SPEECHES, January 1, 1954, p. 171-173.
Annotation: The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff outlines the defense plans of the U. S. in an address delivered in Washington on December 14.

Title: *Civilian-Military Balance.*
Author: Hoopes, Townsend.
Publication: THE YALE REVIEW, Winter, 1953-54, p. 218-234.
Annotation: Reviews the growth of military influence and responsibility and discusses President Eisenhower's reorganization plan as a measure aimed at achieving proper civilian-military balance.

Title: *Strategy Overtakes Mr. Wilson.*
Author: Murphy, Charles J. V.
Publication: FORTUNE, January, 1954, p. 80-81.
Annotation: A summary of the results of Charles E. Wilson's first year as Secretary of Defense.