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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.

Many of the 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: *Economics of National Security.* 643 p.

Author: Lincoln, George A. N. Y., Prentice-Hall,
2d ed., 1954.

Evaluation: The author deals with specific topics in the field of national security principally from the economic standpoint. These topics include the scope and management of manpower, materials, industrial facilities, procurement, a discussion of science and technology, financing the defense effort, stabilization of the defense economy, and the international aspects of the problem. The central thesis of the book is the vital importance of the economic element of national security. The text considers those measures which support ready military forces and those which are applicable to full mobilization. The primary objective is to make the reader aware of certain important problems of national security and the cost thereof, both in money and measures affecting the lives and livelihood of the individual citizens. This, the author accomplishes primarily through simplicity of discussion of a series of complex topics and unhesitatingly recommending and supporting selected actions as the discussion proceeds. Recommended to all officers of all services to assist in the recognition and clear understanding of the scope and complexity of our security effort, and the relationship between military preparedness and other elements which are part of the real fabric of national security.

Title: *Crisis in the Kremlin.* 319 p.
Author: Hindus, Maurice. N. Y., Doubleday, 1953.
Evaluation: Deals primarily with internal and external problems which have faced the occupants of the Kremlin from Stalin's accession to power to the present time. The author is a Russian-born, naturalized, American citizen and foreign correspondent who utilizes his Russian background and frequent visits to, and travels in, Russia to depict many of the troublesome situations facing Stalin and his successors. He points out the blunders, shortsightedness, and weaknesses in their handling of crucial internal and international situations. The book is up-to-date through July, 1953. Well written, apparently authentic, and timely, it is excellent in its portrayal of the people of Russia, their desires, and the Kremlin's impact upon them.

Title: *Ambassador's Report.* 415 p.
Author: Bowles, Chester. N. Y., Harper & Bros., 1945.
Evaluation: Ambassador Bowles relates his experiences covering not only his tour of duty in India but also his travels in most South Asian countries, including the Phillipines and Indonesia. Although much of the material concerns personal affairs and incidents described by the family, there are some very interesting chapters. Chapter VIII, Section 23, lucidly discusses the reasons for a flexible U. S. foreign policy in these Asian areas. Recommended also are Chapter III, Section 9, and all of Chapters V and VI. The author travelled extensively and has developed in this book a clear-cut foreign policy to be followed in dealing with Asians. The relative value of foreign aid, Point Four, information services, etc., are discussed. The important point is that all Asians insist on independence in running their own domestic and foreign affairs — no matter how badly. Nationalism is the keynote, and in so far as these countries are concerned there will be no more colonialism.

Title: *The New Japan.* 62 p.
Author: Dangerfield, Royden. N. Y., Foreign Policy Association, 1953.
Evaluation: A bird's-eye view of Japanese culture, politics and economics, past and present, with some comments and observations as to the future. The brief resume' takes the reader through some eleven hundred years of Japanese history, commencing with the period of the Shogunate rule (800 A.D.) and ending with contemporary Japan. Emphasis has been placed on tracing the problems which through the

centuries have consistently deterred the progress and development of the nation. The last chapter contains eight discussion topics with reading references and suggested visual aids conveniently arranged for further group study.

- Title:** *Canada and the Far East, 1940-1953.* 129 p.
- Author:** Angus, H. F. Toronto, University of Toronto Press, 1953.
- Evaluation:** As the title indicates, this book covers Canadian-Far East policies from the beginning of World War II until the present. In addition, some background information is presented on Canada's historical interests and policies in this area. The volume is well written and of interest to all students who are concerned with our northern neighbor. Especially pertinent is the running comparison between U. S. and Canadian interests, policies, and actions in the Far East since 1940.

PERIODICALS

- Title:** *The Red Fleet Is Being Built Up.*
- Author:** Lusar, Rudolf.
- Publication:** U. S. NAVAL INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS, January, 1954, p. 57-66.
- Annotation:** Describes the progress of the Russian Navy since 1936. (Contains maps and ship diagrams).
- Title:** *German Naval Strategy in World War II.*
- Author:** Kauffman, D. L., Commander, U.S.N.
- Publication:** U. S. NAVAL INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS, January, 1954, p. 1-12.
- Annotation:** The author selects for study four strategic plans which had a major bearing on the war and which were either controversial or interesting and valuable as lessons.
- Title:** *U. S. Strategy — Hit Back Instantly.*
- Author:** Dulles, John Foster.
- Publication:** U. S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, January 22, 1954, p. 56-58.
- Annotation:** An outline of the new foreign policy projected by the Eisenhower Administration.

Title: *"Both Sides Will Use A-Bomb."*
Publication: U. S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, January 29, 1954, p. 50-56.
Annotation: An interview with Field Marshall Montgomery on the defense of Europe.

Title: *Our Mediterranean Bastion.*
Author: Wolfe, Henry C.
Publication: THE FREEMAN, February 8, 1954, p. 343-345.
Annotation: Spain and Turkey constitute modern Pillars of Hercules essential in our planning to prevent an all-out war; or, if that conflict comes, to launch a winning offensive.

Title: *A Strategic Study of Indo-China.*
Author: Hiatt, Wright, Colonel, (CE), U.S.A.
Publication: MILITARY ENGINEER, January-February, 1954, p. 1-14.
Annotation: A short article on the geography, climate, topography, transportation, health and sanitation of Indo-China, plus an analysis of American aid to the area.

Title: *Twenty-Five Divisions for the Cost of One.*
Author: Van Fleet, James A., General, U.S.A. (Ret.)
Publication: READER'S DIGEST, February, 1954, p. 1-10.
Annotation: Proposes that low-cost training programs be set up in friendly Asiatic countries to conserve our manpower and money and at the same time meet the Soviet threat.

Title: *Policy: Matrix of Strategy.*
Authors: Reinhardt, George C., Colonel, U.S.A. and Kintner, William R., Lieutenant Colonel, U.S.A.
Publication: UNITED STATES NAVAL INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS, February, 1954, p. 145-155.
Annotation: Discusses the relationship of policy to strategy, the lessons of the past and the problem, today, of accommodating policy to certain military fundamentals in the situation U.S.A. vis-a-vis U.S.S.R.

- Title:** *Strategic Weaknesses of the Soviet Bloc.*
- Author:** Korda, S.
- Publication:** **MILITARY REVIEW, February, 1954,**
p. 105-107.
- Annotation:** A translation from the Yugoslav magazine, "Front," cites a few examples of the strategic weaknesses of the Russian orbit to show that it cannot count on success in an attack of global proportions.
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- Title:** *The International Staff Officer.*
- Author:** Blood, B., Lieutenant Colonel, (M.C.), U.S.A.,
(Ret.)
- Publication:** **THE ARMY QUARTERLY, January, 1954,**
p. 213-217.
- Annotation:** Briefly points out certain factors to which officers must adjust when assigned to a multinational staff.
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- Title:** *Significance of the Suez Canal in Current International Affairs.*
- Author:** Badeau, John S.
- Publication:** **VITAL SPEECHES, January 15, 1954,**
p. 200-205.
- Annotation:** A recorded speech delivered by the President of the Near East Foundation, tracing the historical and present-day importance of the Suez Canal area.
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- Title:** *For a Continental Defense.*
- Authors:** Killian, James R., Jr., and Hill, A. G.
- Publication:** **BULLETIN OF THE ATOMIC SCIENTISTS,**
January, 1954, p. 13-16.
- Annotation:** The President of M.I.T. and the Director of the Lincoln Laboratory point out that air defense of North America involves the whole military system. An adequate defense need not bankrupt the nation and may be small compared with the risks — the loss of whole cities.

- Title:** *Syngman Rhee: The Free Man's Burden.*
- Author:** Gibney, Frank.
- Publication:** HARPER'S MAGAZINE, February, 1954, p. 27-34.
- Annotation:** An account of our dealings with the Korean President illustrates the problems in foreign policy posed by our smaller allies.
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- Title:** *On the Shape of Ships to Come.*
- Author:** Carney, Robert B., Admiral, U.S.N.
- Publication:** ALL HANDS, January, 1954, p. 10-13.
- Annotation:** Excerpts from speeches made by the Chief of Naval Operations, arranged under topics such as: The Evolution of our Navy, Seapower in the Atomic Age, Nuclear Propulsion, etc.
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- Title:** *An Armistice in the Cold War?*
- Author:** Lippman, Walter.
- Publication:** LOOK, February 9, 1954, p. 70-71.
- Annotation:** Reports on the new military and diplomatic estimates of the world situation upon which the policy of both sides "to relax the tension" is based.

“Maritime skill is like skill of other kinds, not a thing to be cultivated by the way or at chance times; it is jealous of any other pursuit which distracts the mind for an instant from itself.”

Thucydides, 399 B.C.