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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 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:** *Economic Controls and Defense.* 260 p.
- Author:** Wallace, Donald H. N. Y., Twentieth Century Fund, 1953.
- Evaluation:** This volume deals principally with fundamental problems raised by the use of direct controls in a long defense period. It describes in a clear and concise manner the various type of controls (i.e., manpower, wage, material, price, rationing, and products programing), their possibilities and dangers if used by the government in various degrees in times of national emergency.
- Title:** *Report on Indo-China.* 245 p.
- Author:** Newman, Bernard. London, Robert Hale, Ltd., 1953.
- Evaluation:** As the end-product of a six-weeks' flying trip through Indo-China, Mr. Newman has come forth with a brief historical analysis, kaleidoscopic depictions of local living conditions, an analysis of the military situation and his solution to the war there. The book is a capsule review of the complex situation that is Indo-China today. For an easily digestible, superficial treatment of Indo-China, it is recommended.

- Title:** *Our Secret Allies.* 376 p.
- Author:** Lyons, Eugene. N. Y., Duell, Sloan and Pearce, 1953.
- Evaluation:** The author has chosen the thesis that in the Russian people we have a weapon for freedom more potent than our atomic stockpile, provided we can find the wisdom to develop it for our common salvation. He believes that a foreign policy that disregards the people and lumps them together with the Soviet regime fails to understand the situation. He stresses the numerous indications that a wide gulf exists between the Russian people and their rulers and argues that we must take advantage of this. He concludes that a permanent civil war goes on in Russia between the Kremlin and the Russian people and points out that the history of Russia since 1917 does not substantiate the "Red Myth" that the Soviet leaders led a popular Communist uprising to overthrow oppressive Czarism. Instead, the Bolsheviks seized power through conspiracy and have maintained that power only through the application of the most ruthless measures. In World War II, the invading German armies failed to capitalize on this fact and the Russian people were rejected by the Nazis. Following the war, we insisted on returning Red Army deserters and failed to give them asylum in the West. The author believes that we must give up the idea of a co-existence with a cooperative Kremlin and should foster a unified front with its subjects. In other words, we must be with the people against their auto-cracy. This is an outstanding book, written by a keen observer who has the ability to analyze the political situation as it exists in Russia today. His arguments are clearly presented and well-substantiated. In addition to being a well-written volume, the subject matter of this book is stimulating and thought provoking. A condensation appeared in the March, 1954 issue of the *Reader's Digest*.

- Title:** *A Hundred Years of War.* 419 p.
- Author:** Falls, Cyril. London, Gerald Duckworth & Co., 1953.
- Evaluation:** A sketch of the past century (1850-1950) of warfare by land, sea and air, with a commentary in interpretation of it. The study includes coverage of minor campaigns and colonial wars, as well as the special problems of partisan and guerrilla warfare. The author has succeeded in presenting this many-sided subject in a clear and precise manner so as to make it interesting and informative

reading. He has stressed the military aspects of war rather than the political and moral issues. In covering an era which has contributed so many revolutionary changes in warfare, the author has imposed upon himself a severe task of condensation, which he has accomplished in commendable fashion.

Title: *The Man Who Never Was.* 160 p.
Author: Montagu, Ewen. Philadelphia, J. B. Lippincott, 1954

Evaluation: A true story of World War II. It deals with "Operation Mincemeat," a ruse devised primarily by the author of the book and intended to mislead the Germans in regard to the projected invasion of Sicily. Very probably a classic in cover and deception, the operation could undoubtedly be counted a total success. The book is most interestingly and well written. While it reads like a very good fictional spy-detective thriller, it deals effectively with the minute details of the project and is sufficiently authenticated for the purpose of illustrating the extreme care and patience required in such an operation. The necessity for the operation is set forth, and by virtue of captured documents, its effect on the enemy and his reactions and resulting operations can be set forth with some certitude. The book is recommended reading for all students of the art of war, both for pleasure and for contained material. It is valuable as giving an insight into a type of warfare with which only a very few officers knowingly come in contact.

Title: *The Threat of Soviet Imperialism.* 402 p.
Author: Haines, C. Grove, ed. Baltimore, The Johns Hopkins Press, 1954.

Evaluation: This book is packed with scholarly treatments of all aspects of the Communist threat. It is not a "primer" and should not be picked as the first book in this field to be studied. Since it is actually a collection of twenty papers presented at a conference on "The Problems of Soviet Imperialism," it can be readily used as a reference to improve one's knowledge in any phase of the problem. The chapters are related, but not interdependent, and each presents material relevant to its own subject. Each paper is written by a person recognized as an authority in his field. The stature of the contributors lend much weight to the value of the book. Much constructive, positive thinking is indicated. Highly recommended as an authoritative work for use in any study of the present struggle between the Free World and the U.S.S.R.

PERIODICALS

- Title:** *Shape Up for 'A' War.*
- Author:** Canzona, N. A., Captain, U.S.M.C.
- Publication:** MARINE CORPS GAZETTE, February, 1954, p. 17-21.
- Annotation:** An excellent short discussion of amphibious operations in an atomic war with emphasis on needed organizational changes of interest to all.
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- Title:** *Trade: Russia's Real Secret Weapon.*
- Author:** Harris, Herbert.
- Publication:** NATION'S BUSINESS, February, 1954, p. 23-25, 76-79, 82-83.
- Annotation:** Outlines the objectives of Russia's effort to expand her foreign trade and describes communist foreign trade operations that are planned to bring political, psychological and military gains, as well as economic advantage.
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- Title:** *Air Defense of North America.*
- Author:** Phillips, Thomas R., Brigadier General, U.S.A., (Ret.)
- Publication:** ANTI-AIRCRAFT JOURNAL, January-February, 1954, p. 6-9.
- Annotation:** Discusses the improvement of radar and radio air defense across northern Canada and the problems of obtaining adequate protection without bankruptcy.
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- Title:** *Dilemmas of American World Leadership.*
- Publication:** WORLD AFFAIRS INTERPRETER, Winter, 1953-54.
- Annotation:** This issue devoted to addresses delivered at the Institute of World Affairs includes discussion of the following topics: *The United Nations and the Bricker Amendment*, by Paul G. Hoffman; *A Basis for Survival in the Atomic Age*, by John A. McCone; *Keep Your Powder Dry*, by Lt. Gen. Charles B. Stone, III, U.S.A.F., *Strategic Criteria for a Policy of Liberation or Containment*, by Arthur C. Turner.

- Title:** *Tomorrow's Atomic Battlefield.*
- Author:** Reinhardt, George C., Colonel, U.S.A.
- Publication:** MARINE CORPS GAZETTE, March, 1954,
p. 16-23.
- Annotation:** Some thoughts on the role of atomic weapons in future war.
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- Title:** *Preparing for War — In Peace.*
- Author:** BUSINESS WEEK, February 27, 1954,
p. 100-102.
- Annotation:** Reports on mobilization planning at American Machine and Foundry Company, worked out by Major General R. L. Maxwell, U.S.A. (Ret.) and a staff of experts.
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- Titles:** *Soviet Power in 1960 and American Power in 1960.*
- Authors:** Crankshaw, Edward and Keyserling, Leon H.
- Publication:** WORLD, March 1, 1954, p. 20-23.
- Annotation:** Two articles presented under the heading, "The Race of the Giants: American vs. Soviet Power in 1960" evaluate the U. S. and Soviet economies today and as they will compare in six years.
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- Title:** *The New Strategy's Unanswered Questions.*
- Author:** Millis, Walter.
- Publication:** COMBAT FORCES JOURNAL, March, 1954,
p. 13-17.
- Annotation:** A clear and challenging study of new weapons applied to our present stated national strategy.