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

- Title:** *American Foreign Assistance.* 615 p.
- Author:** Brown, William A., Jr. Washington, Brookings Institution, 1953.
- Evaluation:** A detailed analysis of American foreign assistance from World War I to the present. Three-fourths of the book is devoted to assistance since World War II. The study presents the circumstances, incentives and policies which have influenced the United States in setting up and running our aid programs. The substance of the aid given, and evaluation of each aid program are included. The last two chapters are valuable reading for all officers since they provide a summary and over-all appraisal of our foreign assistance programs, and outline criteria for successful conclusion of such assistance.
- Title:** *The Fight at Odds.* 430 p.
- Author:** Richards, Denis. London, H. M. Stationery Office, 1953.
- Evaluation:** An official account of the Royal Air Force in the Second World War. It tells of the pre-war plans and preparations, improvised intervention in Norway, heroic efforts by the A.A.S.F. and the Air Component in France; of the desperate days of the Battle of Britain; of the growing use of aircraft against the U-boat and the surface raider; and of the whole series of campaigns in 1940-1941 for control

of the Mediterranean and the Middle East. The author has developed his work by presenting the top levels of British thinking behind the various campaigns. By the use of captured documents, he has compared the British thinking and estimates with those of the enemy. He deals effectively with minute details which are illustrated, when appropriate, by excerpts from the diaries of pilots and crew members. The operations leading up to the development of doctrines for the employment of air power are thoroughly covered. This is an outstanding book. It is recommended reading for all students of the art of war, both for the material covered and for pleasure.

- Title:** *Shirt-sleeve Diplomacy* 303 p.
Author: Bingham, Jonathan. B. N. Y., John Day, 1953.
Evaluation: A review of the operation of the "Point 4" Program and a presentation of administrative problems now facing the program. The major theme is an argument for retention and support of "Point 4" as a separate program with a distinct purpose. The author cites, throughout the volume, many of the political, social and economic facts which influence the status and behavior of the under-developed countries participating in the program. These facts were garnered by U. S. technicians working with both the peoples and governments of these countries. He also presents in clear and simple terms reasons why certain more or less typical American attitudes and approaches to foreign assistance are workable. The book is valuable for reading in part. To derive full value, scanning of the entire volume is recommended. Chapters 10-14 are recommended for reading in their entirety.

- Title:** *The Peoples of the Soviet Far East.* 194 p.
Author: Kolarz, Walter, N. Y., Praeger, 1954.
Evaluation: The author sets forth and describes policies of the Soviet Government towards the many states and nationalities of the far eastern U.S.S.R. He gives a clear and interesting description of how colonization was accomplished, policies and methods used, and the effects of communism in the different states of the Far East. The policy of White Soviet Far East and the accompanying treatment of oriental peoples is discussed, not only from the viewpoint of history, but also from its effect on the future.

- Title:** *Asia and Western Dominance.* 530 p.
Author: Pannikar, K. M. N. Y., John Day, 1954.
Evaluation: A tracing of the influence of Western civilization and

politics on Asia from 1498 to 1945, in 509 pages, results in each period of time and type of influence covered receiving only the author's opinion. The book is anything but objective; it is of value principally as a study of Mr. Pannikar's way of thinking. It is well to note what the February 8 issue of NEWSWEEK had to say about the author: "A smooth-talking 58-year-old Indian diplomat with a Lenin beard, is an enthusiastic neutralist with a pinkish streak. As India's envoy in Peking (from 1948 to mid-1952), he praised Mao Tse-tung's 'greatness' and was known as 'Red China's best ambassador.' Shifted to Cairo sixteen months ago, Pannikar tried to sell neutralism to the Arabs."

- Title:** *Japan's Role in Southeast Asian Nationalist Movements, 1940-1945.* 182 p.
- Author:** Ellsbree, Willard H. Cambridge, Harvard University Press, 1953.
- Evaluation:** An interesting dissertation on Japan's attempt to establish the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere. The conflicting policies of the Army, Navy and Foreign Office are clearly shown as the occupation forces attempted to fan the flames of nationalism in this area in order to further their own interests. It is shown that the strength of this nationalism was completely underestimated and, in the end, was able to exert enough pressure to force an alteration in Japanese policy. Although the entire area is discussed, the greatest emphasis has been given to Indonesia. Of special current interest is the chapter on minority groups as it shows the important role of Overseas Chinese and Indians in this part of the world. The author leaves it to the reader to form his own opinion as to whether or not this Japanese action hastened the independence of the countries in this area. The book is good background reading for a study of Southeast Asia, an area very much in the news today.

PERIODICALS

- Title:** *In Conference*
- Author:** Bales, Robert F.
- Publication:** HARVARD BUSINESS REVIEW, March-April, 1954, p. 44-50.
- Annotation:** An excellent article on committee meetings. Describes the operation and results to date of an experiment being conducted at Harvard University. Excellent recommendations on composition of committees and rules of procedure.

- Title:** *The Pivot of History.*
Author: Kruszewski, Charles
Publication: FOREIGN AFFAIRS, April, 1954, p. 388-401.
Annotation: A semi-biographical account of the contribution of MacKinder to the field of geopolitics, provides a guide to his writings and an insight into the influence of his theories on foreign affairs and history.
- Title:** *The Spirit of Inter-American Unity.*
Author: Dulles, John Foster.
Publication: THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE BULLETIN
March 15, 1954, p. 379-383.
Annotation: The text of an address made by the Secretary of State at the Tenth Inter-American Conference at Caracas on March 4.
- Title:** *The Impact of Political Factors on Military Judgement*
Author: Gale, Richard N., General Sir, K.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.
Annotation: A British view of the place of the soldier and the politician in the formulation of national policy, by a lecturer who has been both.
- Title:** *The Dulles Doctrine: "Instant Retaliation" — Will it Deter Aggression?*
Author: Morgenthau, Hans J.
Publication: NEW REPUBLIC, March 29, 1954, p. 10-14.
Annotation: An editorial and an article raise questions as to the military soundness of massive atomic retaliation as a deterrent to future communist aggression.
- Title:** *The Final Secret of Pearl Harbor*
Author: Theobald, Robert A., Rear Admiral, U.S.N., (Ret.)
Publication: U. S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, April 2, 1954, p. 48-93.
Annotation: The complete text of a forthcoming book by an officer who was stationed in Pearl Harbor in December, 1941, served as counsel for Admiral Kimmel during subsequent investigations, and has made a study of official and diplomatic records from which he has drawn the conclusions presented in this work.