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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:** *Challenge in Eastern Europe.* 276 p.
Author: Black, C. E. New Brunswick, N. J., Rutgers University Press, 1954.
Evaluation: This volume consists of twelve essays, each dealing with a distinct aspect of Eastern Europe. Eleven of these essays were presented as lectures at the Institute of Public and Regional Studies at New York University in 1953. The book covers the political, economic and social development of the Balkan and other Eastern European countries. It contains an exposition of current problems and some revealing discussions of certain unhappy national attitudes. The main worth of the book is the picture it presents of Slavic Europe. It brings into stark relief the factors with which the U. S. must deal, political, economic and military, if it wishes to roll back the Iron Curtain. For the military officer there is a wealth of guide posts to a successful military strategy for the area and numerous warnings of mistakes that could be made. The writings are sincere, authoritative and compelling. Most are done in a readable style. Some are obviously the result of thinking in Slavic terms and writing in English. The book as a whole is a well-integrated unit; each of the twelve essays is well edited.
- Title:** *German History: Some New German Views.* 212 p.
Author: Kohn, Hans. Boston, The Beacon Press, 1953.
Evaluation: The views of nine liberal German historians in recon-

sideration of the dominant concepts of German political and cultural history are presented. They set forth in sum what might be called a "New Look" at the strengths and weaknesses of authoritarianism and militarism in nineteenth century Germany. Old ideas, the ones which were accepted and taught in school, are examined and rejected. Bismarck and his influence are shown in a new light, influential in causing German embroilment in the two great continental wars of 1913 and 1939. Militarism is shown to be not a political idea, but a social system in Germany. The small sampling of historians whose works are included does not represent the majority, nor the views now current in Germany. It may be hoped that the liberal and critical thinking which they represent will prevail, for it would do much to prevent a return to the acceptance of ideas which have historically caused the German people to be led into conflict. Recommended as valuable reading to officers interested in the problem of Germany's future as a member of the Western community of nations.

- Title:** *Yankee R. N.* 544 p.
- Author:** Cherry, A. H. London, Jarrolds, Ltd., 1951.
- Evaluation:** A personal history of an American's service with the Royal Navy in World War II. It is a book with an informal message about the Royal Navy and the British people which will carry more meaning and perhaps be of more practical use to U S. naval officers than any other category of readers. The author is not a professional writer; he was a Wall Street banker in 1941 when he joined the Royal Navy in a personal crusade against Nazi Germany. This book is a record of his war service, which included considerable sea duty in the Battle of the Atlantic in surface escort types of the Royal Navy. The author has an easy and readable style and successfully conveys the spirit and feeling of his close association with our most important ally in World War II and today. His work makes for pleasant reading and affords an opportunity for readers to become better acquainted with the Royal Navy.

- Title:** *Modern Science and Modern Man.* 187 p.
- Author:** Conant, James B. Garden City, N. Y., Doubleday 1953.
- Evaluation:** This book consists of a series of four lectures delivered by Dr. Conant at Columbia University in 1952. In it he has made a penetrating analysis of the revolution that modern science has provoked in the life of modern man.

He points out that science has become more deeply involved in every phase of our existence—in business, government, and even in morals and religion. It is well worth the short time required to read it for all persons interested in the impact of science on man's future.

PERIODICALS

- Title:** *War — 1960 Model*
- Publication:** INTERAVIA, v. 9, no. 5, p. 298-301.
- Annotation:** Synopsis of a 60-page survey compiled by the Swedish Defence Staff on the weapons that may be expected to be in general use six to ten years from now. Plutonium bombs, poison and hydrogen bombs and cobalt bombs, guided missiles, gas and germs will be inflicted on the world if the civilized nations decide to become involved in World War III around 1960-65, or so. Survey concludes with the statement that a country's technological deficiency will be its greatest weakness in a future war. It points out that this applies to a small country even more than a large nation.
- Title:** *The Canadian-American Permanent Joint Board on Defense, 1940-45.*
- Author:** Stacey, C. P., Colonel, Canadian Army.
- Publication:** INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL, Spring, 1954, p. 107-124.
- Annotation:** Presents a brief, factual report on the Board that has become an important element in Canadian-American relations and in the defensive organization of the West.
- Title:** *How to Avoid Disaster in Asia.*
- Author:** Bowles, Chester.
- Publication:** WORLD, June, 1954, p. 9-11, 70.
- Annotation:** Surveys American policy in Asia and suggests that the weakness lies in reliance on military policy to solve problems of a political and economic nature.
- Title:** *United States Military Policy.*
- Publication:** CURRENT HISTORY, May, 1954.
- Annotation:** This issue is composed of articles analyzing the major factors affecting American military policy today.

- Title:** *"Not One of Us Alone."*
- Author:** Dulles, John Foster, Secretary of State.
- Publication:** THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE BULLETIN,
April 19, 1954, p. 579-583.
- Annotation:** Outlines a mutual security program for 1955, concerning NATO, EDC, Spain, Middle East, Latin America, Korea, Japan and free world unity that was presented to the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives on April 5.
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- Title:** *War as a Continuation of Politics.*
- Author:** Esposito, Vincent J.
- Publication:** MILITARY AFFAIRS, Spring, 1954, p. 19-26.
- Annotation:** A paper presented to a joint meeting of the American Military Institute and the American Historical Association discusses the theory that "war is the continuation of political intercourse . . .", its application among major foreign powers and its significance in the past and the present to the U. S.