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The evaluation of books and articles listed below include those recommended to resident students of the Naval War College. Officers in the fleet and elsewhere may find these of interest.

The listings herein should not be construed as an endorsement by the Naval War College; they are indicated only on the basis of interesting reading matter.

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

Title: *Realities of American Foreign Policy.* 120 p.

Author: Kennan, George F. Princeton, Princeton University Press, 1954.

Evaluation: Mr. Kennan has covered more material in this short book than is generally found in three volumes. He has presented the substance of a series of lectures delivered at Princeton University which includes a very articulate and forceful reassessment of American foreign policy. He scans briefly the historical foundations of United States policy and then plunges into the problems of today. The author spells out carefully the functions of government in foreign affairs, divides the world into two distinct segments and argues that the American fallacy has been to seek Utopia and to move blindly toward the accomplishment of one world. He states that there can be no peace with Russia so long as the Soviets pursue their drive for complete dominance. He further argues that containment and liberation are complementary, not alternatives, but that liberation alone runs the greatest risk of igniting global conflagration.

Title: *The Revolution in American Foreign Policy* 94 p.

Author: Carleton, William G. N. Y., Doubleday, 1954.

Evaluation: A thumbnail sketch of the international position of this country prior to World War II is followed by an excellent, concise unfolding of the revolution in foreign relations occurring after 1945. Portrays not only the changes in foreign policy during the past ten years but also the causes, significance and consequences of these changes. Professor Carleton has performed the amazing feat of concentrating the essential facts and forces that have shaped the international relations of the United States during the past ten years into less than 100 pages. It is very readable, a ready reference for orientation, and concisely shows how we got where we are in world politics—and many of the reasons why. Highly recommended as basic reading for the purpose of review, orientation, and a renewal of perspective for the revolutionary ten years after 1945.

Title: *Selected Works of Mao Tse-Tung*, vol. 1. 336 p.

Author: Mao, Tse-Tung. London, Lawrence & Wishart, 1954.

Evaluation: This is the first of a proposed five-volume set, based on a four-volume Chinese edition. It covers the most important writings of Mao Tse-Tung from 1926 to 1936. The scope of the writings and speeches is too broad to be briefed. But the plans, aims, strategies and beliefs of the Chinese Communist Party leadership are made exceedingly clear. Actions from the "First Revolutionary Civil War" through the "Second Revolutionary Civil War" are justified by almost the same thinking (and frequently in almost the same words) used by Lenin and Stalin in the U.S.S.R. Mao shows the same willingness to compromise strict ideology in the light of existing conditions which was typical of Lenin, and a similar ability to rationalize all actions to fit into the Marxist pattern. He appears, through his writings, to be a realist, recognizing the vast differences between China and other nations (including Russia), and advocating lines of action suited to the people, the place and the time—yet, with the ultimate end always in view. Anyone who holds any doubts concerning the character of the Chinese Communist movement should browse through this volume. "Agrarian Reform" disappears quickly—this is pure Marx-Lenin-Stalin skillfully adapted to China. Of particular interest to the military is an insight into Mao's thinking on "How to Study War" (pp. 175-187), and "On the Tactics of Fighting Japanese Imperialism" (pp. 153-174).

- Title:** *Accessibility of Strategic and Critical Materials to the United States in Time of War and for our Expanding Economy.* 415 p.
- Author:** United States Senate. Minerals, Materials and Fuels Economic Subcommittee. Washington, Government Printing Office, 1954.
- Evaluation:** A Congressional report on the materials that now — and will — control the United States economy in peace and war. A well-documented report of vital interest to economists and strategists, including naval officers.

- Title:** *France: Keystone of Western Defense.* 77 p.
- Author:** Furniss, Edgar S., Jr. N. Y., Doubleday, 1954.
- Evaluation:** Analyzes various factors which account for French attitudes and actions in international politics. First, are discussed French anxieties and the internal factors which tend to keep such anxieties in the fore; then, quite logically, the economic, military and political conditions, and the loyalties of the French populace and their leaders. The book gives an answer to most of the questions which arise when trying to figure out what motivates and implements current French policies. In brief, it is an excellent source of information to acquaint one with French political motivations, both national and international.

PERIODICALS

- Title:** *For the Defense of Europe: A New Approach.*
- Author:** Kennan, George F.
- Publication:** THE NEW YORK TIMES MAGAZINE, September 12, 1954, p. 7, 68-69, 71, 74.
- Annotation:** Analyzes the failure of E.D.C. and proposes a way to secure Germany's contribution to Western defense without alienating France.
- Title:** *What Atomic Disarmament Means to NATO.*
- Author:** Gruenther, Alfred M., General, U. S. A.
- Publication:** VITAL SPEECHES, September 1, 1954, p. 676-679.
- Annotation:** An address on NATO that includes an outline of the philosophy of war being studied at SHAPE and the place of atomic weapons in it.

- Title: *Thinking Ahead.*
Author: Berman, Harold J.
Publication: HARVARD BUSINESS REVIEW, September-October, 1954. p. 147-158.
Annotation: Considers some of the obstacles that arise in the conduct and trade between communist and non-communist nations and suggests a policy of bilateral agreements which could give the West benefits of East-West trade without increasing the relative strength of the Soviet.
- Title: *The Defense of Latin America.*
Author: Eliot, George Fielding.
Publication: AMERICAN MERCURY, October, 1954, p. 101-106.
Annotation: Deals with the lack of adequate defense for Latin America and tells what the U. S. is doing to help improve the military services of the region.
- Title: *America Through Foreign Eyes.*
Publication: THE ANNALS OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCE, September, 1954.
Annotation: The articles in this volume are concerned with general national images of the U. S. in foreign countries ("The Soviet Image of the U. S.," by Frederick C. Barghoorn, p. 42-51) and with the images of foreign students who have studied at American universities.
- Title: *Let's Quit Talking Nonsense About the Cold War.*
Author: Baldwin Hanson W.
Publication: THE SATURDAY EVENING POST, September 11, 1954, p. 25, 155-156.
Annotation: Examines some of the phases currently in use and warns that acceptance of these generalities and half truths has a damaging effect upon our efforts in the cold war.
- Title: *Can We Stop Communism in Africa?*
Author: Gunther, John
Publication: LOOK, October 5, 1954, p. 49-54.
Annotation: Briefly notes influences that favor the growth of com-

munism and those that militate against it and gives a concise statement of the situation in some of the key countries of Africa. (Map, p. 53).

Title: *The Strength to Win.*
Author: Finletter, Thomas K.
Publication: THE ATLANTIC, October, 1954, p. 48-53.
Annotation: Discusses revision of military planning procedures of the Department of Defense to provide a system of priorities for determining the size and composition of our Armed Forces.

Title: *The Adequacy of Our Present Defense Program.*
Author: Radford, Arthur, Admiral, U. S. N.
Publication: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION, Release No. 899-54.
Annotation: An address before the Economic Club of Detroit, 27 September, dealing with our current defense program.

Title: *Russia Forging Trans-Polar Striking Force.*
Publication: AVIATION AGE, September, 1954, p. 16-23.
Annotation: Provides information on Russia's long-range bomber striking force, including the airbase structure, an estimate of strength and equipment in service. (Maps, p. 17 and 18).

Title: *Air Power and World Strategy.*
Author: Slessor, Sir John, Air Marshal.
Publication: FOREIGN AFFAIRS, October, 1954, p. 43-53.
Annotation: A noted airman takes an unusual stand with regard to the position of air power within the military establishments of the West. He maintains that a single weapons system strategy is foolhardy and that any military posture must be geared for any eventuality.

Title: *The World Since the War: The Third Phase.*
Author: Makins, Sir Roger.
Publication: FOREIGN AFFAIRS, October, 1954, p. 1-16.
Annotation: The British Ambassador to the United States makes his assessment of American and British policies in what he terms the Third Phase, characterized by the softening of Soviet Strategy. Sir Roger has taken a very objective approach to the subject of Anglo-American relations and their possible courses of action.