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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 are 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:** *Fleet Admiral King.* 657 p.
- Author:** King, Ernest J., Fleet Admiral, U. S. N., and Whitehall, Walter Muir, Commander, U. S. N. R., N. Y., W. W. Norton, 1952.
- Evaluation:** An account of the career of Fleet Admiral King from his early days in Ohio until the end of World War II. It deals almost exclusively with his naval career, principally that of his service during the last war, first as CincLantFlt and later as Cominch and CNO. While serving in the latter capacities Fleet Admiral King participated in all the wartime meetings of the Allied Chiefs of Staff. His account of these conferences and detailed coverage of the overall strategy of World War II are probably the most valuable parts of the book. This book is an outstanding contribution to the history of the United States Navy, covering as it does, the Admiral's association with most of the phases of the development of the Navy during the first fifty years of the century. It is written in the third person from material assembled by the authors over a period of several years. Characteristically, it is factual and to the point, and delineates the broad strategic concept of war held by Fleet Admiral King. Naval officers of all ranks will find it highly readable and a valuable source of information on many naval matters. It contains some aspects of Cominch operations which have not been previously made public. In addition, the book reveals the

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thoughts of many prominent personalities which led to the major decisions affecting the overall strategy of World War II.

- Title:** *The Zone of Indifference.* 312 p.
- Author:** Strausz-Hupe, N. Y., G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1952.
- Evaluation:** The Zone of Indifference is an excellent, serious and thought-provoking treatment of the present-day problems of the Western nations. It examines the Greek, Roman and Judeo-Christian background of Western culture in an effort to establish a pattern for the solution of today's problems, which the author considers to be political, social and economic rather than military. It is his conviction that if the United States and Europe can solve their political, social and economic tasks, a sound and healthy Atlantic Union can readily produce adequate military power to insure world peace and security. This book is recommended for those desiring a broader background of world affairs.

- Title:** *The Atlantic Alliance.* 172 p.
- Author:** Royal Institute of International Affairs. N. Y., 1952.
- Evaluation:** A report by a Chatham House Study Group on the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, "the problems that it has handled, the lessons it has learnt, and the procedure it is evolving." Although written by a group of British experts, this study of NATO is by no means undertaken simply from the standpoint of British interests. It is particularly valuable as a concise summary of the organizational development of NATO. Special emphasis is placed by the Study Group on the limitations of NATO as a form of international organization, the contrast between stated goals of the organization and current realities, and an estimate of what can reasonably be expected from the organization in the immediate future. On the whole, a very useful survey of the progress to date, and the problems that remain, in creating an Atlantic community—the avowed purpose of NATO.

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Title: *Total Terror.* 310 p.

Author: Kalme, Albert. N. Y., Appleton-Century-Crofts, 1951.

Evaluation: *Total Terror* offers a straight-forward exposition of how the Soviet python has swallowed the Baltic states of Latvia, Esthonia, and Lithuania and is now digesting them. The author points out that within ten years, if the West doesn't do something about these unfortunate countries, most of the Balts will have been liquidated and the remainder absorbed into other peoples of the USSR. Despite the terrors imposed upon the inhabitants, partisan groups continue their attacks against great odds and look hopefully toward the West for the day when aid may come to them. The author points out that if war comes, the Eastern resistance movement would be of great value to the West. The Russians know this only too well, the author says, and this is why they are so anxious to wipe out all opposition in Eastern Europe. *Total Terror* gives a vivid picture of Russian extermination and subjugation methods being used.

Title: *From Major Jordan's Diaries.* 284 p.

Author: Jordan, George Racey. N. Y., Harcourt Brace, 1952.

Evaluation: This story is a startling revelation of what the Russians received from the U. S. A. through lend-lease during World War II. It cost \$9,500,000,000 and included everything from atomic materials to a pipe for Stalin. Major Jordan was liaison officer with the Russians at the staging base at Great Falls, Montana—the U. S. end of the Lend-Lease aerial pipeline to Russia. His story is told concisely and is substantiated with documentation. It is worthwhile for officers of the Armed Forces.

Title: *Isolation and Alliances.* 56 p.

Author: Lippman, Walter. Boston, Little Brown, 1952.

Evaluation: In this very small book are the two Sulgrave Manor lectures that Mr. Lippman delivered in England earlier this year. The first is an interpretation of the basis of American international behavior from our beginnings until the

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time that we were called on to replace the British strength in Greece in 1947. In the second, he speculates on our national reactions and proposes goals we should work toward with our Atlantic alliance in the new world situation that confronts us. Whether one agrees or disagrees, the book is well worth the investment of the half-hour required to read it.

- Title:** *American Approach to Foreign Policy.* 195 p.
- Author:** Perkins, Dexter. Cambridge, Harvard University Press, 1952.
- Evaluation:** The author takes a new and different look at the ways in which Americans think of their country's role abroad. The book opens with a brief summary of U. S. diplomatic history and then discusses the influence of capitalism, commercialism and morals upon our foreign policy and concludes that capitalism and commercialism have not had the effect upon our foreign policy previously credited to them. The author shows how our approach to questions of foreign policy is rooted in our culture. He also discusses the cycles of war and peace in our history and the connection between wars and periods of recovery and depression. The role of the president and congress in foreign policy is analyzed in a very interesting manner.

- Title:** *History of Marine Corps Aviation in World War II.* 477 p.
- Author:** Sherrod, Robert. Washington, Combat Forces Press, 1952.
- Evaluation:** A complete history of Marine Aviation in World War II with a brief history of Marine Aviation prior to the war. While the book is primarily concerned with the air war, there is much of naval interest included. It is not written in a propaganda vein but is factual and well documented.

- Title:** *Report From Formosa.* 290 p.
- Author:** Bate, H. Maclear. N. Y., E. P. Dutton, 1952.
- Evaluation:** The author, born in China of British parents, now Diplomatic Correspondent of the SUNDAY GRAPHIC (Kemsley Newspapers, Great Britain), is pro-Nationalist, but

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not necessarily pro-Chiang. He apparently has no axe to grind, sets forth in plain terms the salient facts about Formosa today, without regard to the feelings of the partisans of any of the factions involved. The U. S., British, Chiang, Mao, and Romulo may find various parts of the book unpalatable. However, the facts in a very tangled and difficult situation are clearly presented and slanted to highlight conflicts. No recommendations are made by the author.

- Title:** *Greece: An American Dilemma.* 246 p.
- Author:** Stavrianos, L. S. Chicago, Henry Regnery, 1952.
- Evaluation:** A documentary survey of Greek-American relations during the years 1946-1951. It is an important contribution toward an understanding of some of the underlying causes of international tension. The history of Greece is analyzed to give the reasons behind the disturbances within the country and the involvement of America as the dominant power in Greece today. The author must, for his purpose, answer realistically the following questions: Why is Greece in such turmoil today? How did America become involved? What should America do now? The author has answered these questions in a stimulating and well-documented style.

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- Title:** *Anti-Sub Warfare Gets New Lift.*
- Publication:** AVIATION AGE, November, 1952, p. 65-68.
- Annotation:** Describes the first lighter-than-air craft specifically designed for anti-submarine warfare, now being tested at Lakehurst, New Jersey.
- Title:** *The Congo Is In Business.*
- Author:** Solow, Herbert.
- Publication:** FORTUNE, November, 1952, p. 106-112, 165-172.
- Annotation:** A survey of the economic development of the mineral-rich Belgian Congo and the story (p. 113-114, 172-182) of the Colonial Big Five holding companies which dominate the economy of the Congo.

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- Title:** *The Geopolitics of Albania.*
Author: Roucek, Joseph S.
Publication: WORLD AFFAIRS INTERPRETER, Autumn, 1952, p. 320-334.
Annotation: A summary of geopolitical information on Albania which, as a strategically important Soviet naval and air base at the mouth of the Adriatic, prevents the consolidation of a firm southern flank for the defense of Europe.
- Title:** *The ROK Navy.*
Author: Holly, David C., Lieutenant Commandr, U.S.N.
Evaluation: U. S. NAVAL INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS, November, 1952, p. 1219-1225.
Annotation: Reports on the efforts to equip and train the Korean Navy and on the achievements attained in combined action with UN forces.
- Title:** *Planning for Defense.*
Author: Bush, Dr. Vannevar.
Publication: COMBAT FORCES JOURNAL, November, 1952, p. 19-23.
Annotation: The author asserts that top-level military planning in the U. S. is inadequately done, and that the principal reason for this failure lies in the faulty organization of the JCS. This article contains much food for thought.
- Title:** *Norway in NATO.*
Author: Mehlem, Max.
Publication: SWISS REVIEW OF WORLD AFFAIRS, November, 1952, p. 9-11.
Annotation: Discusses the strategic importance of Norway, her defense program and her attitude toward the stationing of Allied forces on Norwegian soil.
- Title:** *How to Block Russia.*
Publication: U. S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, November 7, 1952, p. 54-57.
Annotation: An interview with the British military expert, Major

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General J. F. C. Fuller (Ret.), in which he expresses the opinion that the cold war of today is the real war.

Title: *Rollback Without War.*
Author: Herald, George W.
Publication: UNITED NATIONS WORLD, November, 1952, p. 14-18.
Annotation: An inspiring statement of a new aggressive policy of "rollback" as opposed to "containment" of the George Kennan school. Under the direction of one of its foremost proponents, Field Marshall Sir William Slim, this policy is being studied by Allied officers and scholars.

Title: *Russia and Warm Water.*
Author: Morrison, John A.
Publication: U. S. NAVAL INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS, November, 1952, p. 1169-1179.
Annotation: Disagrees with the accepted geopolitical thesis which explains the expansion of Russia in terms of a conscious "urge to the sea" and discusses the consequences of the acceptance of "this erroneous generalization."

Title: *Birth of the Fire Team.*
Author: Holmes, L. M., 2d Lieutenant.
Publication: MARINE CORPS GAZETTE, November, 1952, p. 17-23.
Annotation: An interesting bit of history on the development of the fire team now used by Marine divisions. Covers the little-known fact that Admiral Mahan's brother, Lieutenant Dennis Mahan, U. S. N., was also a student of things military and one of the fathers of the idea of the triangular division of today.

Title: *Russia—and the Austrian Treaty.*
Author: Bromley-Gardner, Major R.
Publication: THE ARMY QUARTERLY (GREAT BRITAIN), October, 1952, p. 56-63.
Annotation: Examines the problem of Austria and cites the military,

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political and economic advantages gained by Russia through continued occupation made possible by delaying ratification of the peace treaty.

Title: *Germ Warfare.*
Author: Bliss, Raymond W., Major General, U.S.A. (Ret.).
Publication: THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY, November, 1952, p. 54-57.
Annotation: The former Surgeon General discusses the subject in relation to Russian allegations concerning the use of biological warfare by U. N. forces in Korea.

Title: *Intelligence and Policy-Making in Foreign Affairs.*
Author: Hilsman, Roger, Jr.
Publication: WORLD POLITICS, October, 1952, p. 1-45.
Annotation: Deals with U. S. intelligence organizations, the doctrines which govern their role in foreign affairs, sets up a working model of the intelligence function and evaluates American doctrine in the light of that model.

Title: *The Prisoners Stole the Show in Korea.*
Title: Bess, Demaree.
Publication: SATURDAY EVENING POST, November 1, 1952, p. 36-37, 52-55.
Annotation: Alleges that the Koje Island fracas was part of long-range communist strategy, gives the details concerning it and comments on the implications.

Title: *Scientists Find Mid-Ocean Canyon.*
Publication: LIFE, October 27, 1952, p. 139-142.
Annotation: Brief, illustrated article on results of an oceanographic expedition led by Dr. Maurice Ewing of Columbia University.

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Title: *Economic Regionalization in the Soviet Union.*

Author: Shimkin, Demitri B.

Publication: GEOGRAPHICAL REVIEW, October, 1952,
p. 591-614.

Annotation: A study of regional development which analyzes the impact of industrialization from 1926-1950, assesses the possible effects of current Soviet plans on the future of the economic geography of Russia and compares the patterns, processes and rates of regional economic development in the USSR, 1926-1950, with those characterizing the U. S., 1900-1950.

Title: *Russia Doubles Its Industry in Five Years
—Rivals Europe.*

Publication: BUSINESS WEEK, October 18, 1952, p. 164-170.

Annotation: Cites evidence of Russia's growing economic strength and outlines Stalin's aims for future development.

Title: *Sea Power and Air Power.*

Author: Saundby, Robert H. M. S., Air Marshall Sir.

Publication: ROYAL AIR FORCE QUARTERLY (Great
Britain), October, 1952, p. 307-309.

Annotation: Argues that with the advent of air power, the role of the Royal Navy, though vitally important, is secondary and almost completely defensive.

Title: *SSN-571—Making of the Atomic Sub.*

Author: Palmer, C. B.

Publication: THE NEW YORK TIMES MAGAZINE, Octo-
ber 26, 1952, p. 14-15, 60-62.

Annotation: Describes the coordinated efforts of the Atomic Energy Commission, the Navy and many industries, who are working under the direction of Captain H. G. Rickover, U. S. N., on the construction of the first nuclear-powered submarine.

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- Title:** *My Real Mistake at Leyte Gulf.*
- Author:** Anderson, Russell F., Lieutenant Commander,
U. S. N. R.
- Publication:** AMERICAN WEEKLY, October 26, 1952, p.
7, 29.
- Annotation:** An interview with Admiral Halsey in which he disagrees
with his critics on the mistake he made at Leyte Gulf and
tells what he considers to be his real mistake.