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**RECOMMENDED READING**

**Current Books**

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:** *Turkish Crossroads.* 258 p.

**Author:** Newman, Bernard. London, Robert Hale, Ltd., 1951.

**Evaluation:** A very readable travelog of an extensive journey in a little-known country by a keen observer who gives an excellent picture of the land and its people. Starting with a brief sketch of the history of Turkey up to the Revolution, the author describes the reforms of Ataturk and prophesies the return to health of the "Sick Man of Europe" under the prevailing democratic system. The account of his travels and contacts with the Turkish people gives an excellent insight into the political and economic trends in the country and an appreciation of the value of such an ally in the present struggle against communism. Recommended reading for use in studies of that area and for anyone who may visit Turkey or wish to better understand its people and its problems.

**Title:** *The Campaign in Norway.* 289 p.

**Author:** Derry, T. K. London, Her Majesty's Stationery Office, 1952.

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**Evaluation:** The Official British history of the Norwegian campaign in the spring of 1940 is an inter-service account, giving the highlights on German planning and execution and the British counteraction. The inter-service point of view is well chosen and carefully employed, providing objective treatment of land, sea, and air action. The difficulties and shortcomings which bedeviled British forces at the start of World War II are clearly portrayed. In spite of frequent instances of valor, the British action may well be summarized as "too little and too late." The need for unified or joint commands, careful preplanning and a minimum of cancellations, postponements and changes are stressed. This account contains much from which the earnest military student may profit. As a work of military history it should rank high. Facts are well documented and liberal illustrations are furnished. Interpretation is sound and important lessons are developed. This is the first volume in the military series of the United Kingdom History of World War II and if the remainder of the volumes should measure up to this one, the entire series should be well worth following.

**Title:** *International Shipping Cartels.* 323 p.

**Author:** Marx, Daniel. Princeton, Princeton University Press, 1953.

**Evaluation:** The author deals with all aspects of the world-wide ocean shipping industry with special emphasis focused on international shipping cartels. He devotes considerable space to a general discussion of basic economic factors of the industry. Other important topics include regulation of overseas shipping, agreements in foreign trade, liner and tramp competition, and economics of shipping conferences. The naval officer will find this book presents a splendid description of the shipping industry. An understanding of the forces involved in the shipping world will give the reader an appreciation of the capabilities and limitations of the industry in relation to national defense.

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**Title:** *A Century of Conflict.* 439 p.

**Author:** Possony, Stefan T. Chicago, Henry Regnery Co., 1953.

**Evaluation:** In *A Century of Conflict*, the author traces communist revolutionary techniques from the time of Marx and Engels through 1952. The book describes in detail the Soviets' theory of their "science of victory"; it proposes, and well supports the proposal, that the communists are working on a technique for world conquest that makes unnecessary a global conflict. Stefan T. Possony also forecasts a future course of events vis-a-vis communism—with and without an all-out shooting war. This volume can contribute much to an understanding of communism.

**Title:** *The Korea Story.* 180 p.

**Author:** Caldwell, John C. Chicago, Henry Regnery Co., 1952.

**Evaluation:** *The Korea Story* is a brief account of the author's experiences with the U. S. civilian agencies in Korea prior to the North Korean attack. It is a frank discussion of the policies and procedures of our State Department and the United Nations during this confusing period. Though not particularly recommended for reference, this book is valuable to anyone trying to understand the situation in Korea and how it developed.

**Title:** *One of Our Submarines.* 316 p.

**Author:** Young, Edward. London, Rupert Hart-Davis, 1952.

**Evaluation:** Edward Young was the first officer of the Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve to be ordered to command a British submarine in World War II. This is a story of his experiences. Book I traces his career from basic submarine training, through his early war patrols, to the time he was given his command. Book II is a history of his com-

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mand, H. M. S. STORM. The author is a writer and journalist by trade and his book reflects his skill. It is very readable and enjoyable. Particularly noteworthy is the author's ability to explain the technical details of submarine operations.

- Title:** *Big Business.* 204 p.
- Author:** Lilienthal, David E. N. Y., Harper & Bros., 1953.
- Evaluation:** In *Big Business* Mr. David Lilienthal, formerly Chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority and of the Atomic Energy Commission, presents arguments to show how outdated are the attitudes of modern Americans and their laws concerning big business. This book is of interest to a military officer as a citizen and as one who may expect to deal with industry in the course of his military career. On this basis, it is recommended for scanning or "skip" reading.

- Title:** *The Scope and Methods of Geography and the Geographical Pivot of History.* 44 p.
- Author:** Mackinder, Sir Halford J. London, The Royal Geographical Society, 1951.
- Evaluation:** Two lectures delivered by one of the most quoted (and often misquoted) geographers of the last century are contained in this pamphlet. There is also an excellent introduction by Mr. E. W. Gilbert. As one of the founders of geopolitical thinking in the twentieth century, although not the inventor of the word "geopolitics," Sir Halford Mackinder is worthy of the attention of all students of world affairs. These two lectures express most of his views on the interrelationship between physical environment and national political development. Although written about fifty years ago, they are timeless in their expressed conclusions. The first of the two papers, *The Scope and Methods of Geography*, is difficult reading but expresses a "new" approach to geography. *The Geographical Pivot of History* explains the true meaning of "balance of power," that is still largely valid. Both, as well as the interesting introduction, are recommended reading.

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**Title:** *Fear God and Dread Nought.* 377 p.  
**Author:** Marder, Arthur J. London, Jonathan Cape, 1952.  
**Evaluation:** The career of Admiral Lord Fisher from Cadet to Commander-in-Chief, Portsmouth (1854-1904), is set forth in his own letters—with explanatory notes by Marder. Fisher was a brilliant impatient, and aggressive naval revolutionary and reformer, considered by Marder to be the greatest British naval officer since Nelson. His letters reveal his unfettered use of power politics to achieve his reforms, as well as his professional skill, decisive character, and prevision. There are many lessons of current value scattered through this compilation. A valuable book for reflective reading. More valuable still if compared with the papers of a junior foe, Richmond, as compiled by the same author in *Portrait of an Admiral*.

**Title:** *The Silent World.* 266 p.  
**Author:** Cousteau, J. Y., Captain, French Navy. N. Y., Harper & Bros., 1953.  
**Evaluation:** As Head of the Undersea Research Group of the French Navy, Captain Cousteau presents the background and history of this group and many of the details of their work in the development of techniques and equipment for deep sea diving. The author writes in an easy and convincing manner. The entire book is an extremely interesting narrative that will provide the reader with a great deal of pleasure and relaxation.

**Title:** *The Arabs and The West.* 285 p.  
**Author:** Hollingworth, Clare. London, Methuen & Co., Ltd., 1952.  
**Evaluation:** This is a survey of the situation involving the Arab League States, with particular emphasis on Israel and Egypt. Part I treats each country individually, with sufficient historical background to give meaning to recent events in the Middle East; Part II is devoted entirely to the Palestine War, and Part III discusses general problems that have arisen in the aftermath of the Palestine War. These problems include the military situation, oil, communism, industrialization, and the Arab communities outside of the League. It is a comprehensive book, timely, very readable, and brought completely up-to-date by means of an epilogue.

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**PERIODICALS**

- Title:** *Sea Power and the Western Revolution.*
- Author:** Williams, Ralph E., Commander (SC), U. S. N.
- Publication:** UNITED STATES NAVAL INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS, March, 1953, p. 239-249.
- Annotation:** The author of the Prize Essay, 1953, declares that it is the Western nations, rather than the communists, who made the revolution which we now look upon with such foreboding and analyzes its principal effects into which all of our military policies and actions must be fitted.
- Title:** *Know Your Allies.*
- Author:** DeVaney, Carl N., Lieutenant Colonel, U. S. A.
- Publication:** MILITARY REVIEW, March, 1953, p. 11-19.
- Annotation:** Emphasizes the necessity of officers learning the language and military doctrines of their allies so that, until terminology and technology are made uniform, they will have an understanding of allied nations.
- Title:** *Naval Air Looks to New Strength.*
- Publication:** AVIATION WEEK, March 2, 1953, p. 53-59.
- Annotation:** Discusses new fighter, bomber and sea plane types being developed for the Navy, and the new improvements in carriers to permit the launching of larger, heavier aircraft. (Charts, p. 55, 59, show planes on hand and on order).
- Title:** *New Formula for the Defense of Europe?*
- Author:** Schwarz, Urs.
- Publication:** SWISS REVIEW OF WORLD AFFAIRS, March 1953, p. 4-6.

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**Annotation:** Suggests that the defense of Europe may ultimately have to be built along lines somewhat different from those laid down by the EDC treaties and proposes the replacing or supplementing of the traditional standing armies by militia armies.

**Title:** *Trade Not Aid: The British Prepare.*

**Author:** Hutton, Graham.

**Publication:** THE REPORTER, March 3, 1953, p. 8-12.

**Annotation:** Studies the steps taken by the Commonwealth economic conference to coordinate trade in the sterling area and to restore stability to the economy of the British Empire.

**Title:** *Nationalism and Raw Materials.*

**Author:** Mason, Edward S.

**Publication:** ATLANTIC MONTHLY, March, 1953, p. 61-65.

**Annotation:** Considers that raw materials requirements for economic growth and for national security can best be met by drawing on lowest-cost sources of supply and by utilizing scientific and technological advances in production and conservation of resources.

**Title:** *Russia's Achilles' Heel. Part II.*

**Author:** Hittle, James D., Colonel, U. S. M. C.

**Publication:** MARINE CORPS GAZETTE, March, 1953,  
p. 54-61.

**Annotation:** Part I, in the February issue, told of a Russia rich in raw materials and strong in population reserves. Part II analyzes the possible effect that geography, agriculture, transportation, industry and population would have in a war between the U. S. and the U. S. S. R.



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**Title:** *Soviet Army's Sokolovsky.*  
**Publication:** U. S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, March 6,  
1953, p. 62-65.  
**Annotation:** Biographical sketch of the new Russian chief of staff, who  
was responsible for the blockade of Berlin.

**Title:** *America and Asia.*  
**Author:** Luce, Henry R.  
**Publication:** LIFE, February 23, 1953, p. 121-134.  
**Annotation:** Reviews the historic relations between the United States  
and the Far Eastern nations, and states that our influence  
must be used to establish pacific relations among the sev-  
eral nations of Asia.

**Title:** *Russia and the West.*  
**Author:** Toynbee, Arnold J.  
**Publication:** HARPER'S, March, 1953, p. 54-58.  
**Annotation:** Contends that in the world's experience over four and a  
half centuries, ending in 1945, the West has been the  
aggressor—and discusses the experience of Russia in her  
relations with the West. (This is the first of two articles  
from the author's forthcoming book, *The World and the  
West*).

**Title:** *Asian Wars Need Asian Soldiers.*  
**Author:** Eliot, George Fielding, Major, U. S. A. (Ret.)  
**Publication:** AMERICAN MERCURY, February, 1953, p.  
20-22.  
**Annotation:** A western army does not have an inexhaustible supply of  
manpower; therefore, it must use native troops when fight-  
ing in the Orient.

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- Title:** *Three Years of Communist Rule in China.*
- Author:** Nai-jui, Ling.
- Publication:** THE REVIEW OF POLITICS, January, 1953, p. 3-33.
- Annotation:** A study of the Chinese Communist regime, which notes the factors contributing to its rapid rise to power; outlines the distinctive features of the Chinese Communist Party; and discusses the means by which the regime has consolidated its rule.
- Title:** *The Soft Underbelly of the U. S. A.*
- Author:** de Toledano, Ralph.
- Publication:** AMERICAN MERCURY, February, 1953, p. 114-128.
- Annotation:** Communist-dominated Guatemala is the headquarters for a well-organized, Soviet-inspired conspiracy against United States' influence in Latin America.
- Title:** *The Satellites Are Getting Out of Line.*
- Publication:** BUSINESS WEEK, February 14, 1953, p. 126-128.
- Annotation:** Reports that worker resistance to forced industrialization and collectivization is spreading throughout Russia's satellites and views this unorganized resistance as a new weapon for the U. S. to use in the cold war.
- Title:** *Geopolitics and Air Power.*
- Author:** Roucek, Dr. Joseph S.
- Publication:** AIR UNIVERSITY QUARTERLY REVIEW, Fall, 1952, p. 52-63.
- Annotation:** Reviews the influences of sea power and land power on geopolitics in the past and discusss air power as the basis of mid-century geopolitics.

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- Title:** *North Atlantic Community.*
- Publication:** **CURRENT HISTORY**, February, 1953.
- Annotation:** A special issue consisting of eight articles on this subject; one, examines the Russian economic threat; another reviews the institutional development of West European integration; and the remainder deal with the problems of the various member nations which influence their attitudes toward the international defensive and economic organizations.
- Title:** *Russo-Scandinavian Relations.*
- Author:** Coombs, G. M.
- Publication:** **INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL**, Winter, 1952-53, p. 41-45.
- Annotation:** Relations are tense and strained in the Baltic, where the Scandinavians fear Soviet expansion; and the Russians in turn do not want to force Sweden into any alliance with the West, thus creating a strong Scandinavian bloc on her borders.
- Title:** *Disruptive Soviet Maneuvers.*
- Author:** Kirk, Alan G.
- Publication:** **VITAL SPEECHES**, February 1, 1953, p. 229-230.
- Annotation:** The western nations must strive for unity and harmony so that they will not be weakened by Soviet propaganda, which is aimed at dividing us and bringing about the capitalistic war that they believe to be inevitable.
- Title:** *Critique of Containment.*
- Author:** Burnham, James.
- Publication:** **THE FREEMAN**, February 9, 1953, p. 331-336.

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**Annotation:** A nation can be contained within its boundaries, but the diplomats who forged the policy of containment do not seem to realize they cannot contain a militant international force such as communism.

**Title:** *The Russian Armada,*

**Author:** Woodward, David.

**Publication:** HISTORY TODAY, February, 1953, p. 107-114.

**Annotation:** Describes the voyage of the Russian fleet from the Baltic to the Far East, which involved traveling 11,000 miles without bases and ended in defeat by the Japanese Navy.

## **ERRATA**

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### **Petroleum—Captain John H. Morse, Jr., U. S. N.**

Please correct as follows:

- (1) Page 4, line 11. Change sentence to read "That is true because we rarely find petroleum in large quantities in the same areas where it is consumed in large quantities;
- (2) Page 12, line 2. Change to read "have about 100 million barrels of oil that lie under the ground—
- (3) Page 20, line 6. Add after second sentence "Therefore, when we are drawing oil from some 4,000 pools, as we are in this country today, many of those pools are bound to be in their declining phase of production. Consequently we must continuously find, and tap, new pools of oil if we are to just maintain our present rate of production, much less increase it. In other words, we have to walk to stand still, and run to get ahead.

So far we have been able to find the new pools we need to continue increasing our production, but it is getting harder and harder to do, and more expensive. Figure 16 indicates that the size of our newly discovered fields has been getting smaller and smaller.

- (4) Page 38, line 8. Change sentence to read "Notice that Russia has only 7%
- (5) Page 41, line 10. Change sentence to read "are educated guesses, at best;
- (6) Page 53, figure 39. "Tapline" is shown dotted as a proposed pipeline. It should be shown in solid line as an existing pipeline.