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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:** *Tito*. 448 p.

**Author:** Dedijer, Vladimir. N. Y., Simon and Schuster, 1953.

**Evaluation:** Vladimir Dedijer, an old party comrade and fighter in the Partisan War against the Nazis, relates the story of Tito's life and rise to power in the new Yugoslavia. It is a story from within, telling of the birth and growth of the Communist Party and the liberation of people from the yoke of oppression from both the Karageorgevich dynasty and the Soviet Union. The latter occurred when Marshall Tito and the Yugoslav people walked out of the Cominform. This was Stalin's first defeat and possibly the turning point in the plan for world subjugation to the Soviet system.

**Title:** *Peace Through Strength; Bernard Baruch and a Blueprint for Security*. 325 p.

**Author:** Rosenbloom, Morris V. N. Y., Farrar, Straus and Young, 1953.

**Evaluation:** Morris V. Rosenbloom has treated the services performed to the nation by Bernard Baruch from 1916 to the pres-

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ent. It focuses on the recommendations Baruch actually made for action to achieve military and economic security over the years, specifically his constant urging for an ever-ready defense mobilization organization and his long emphasis of the need for waging peace with the same energy that has been devoted to war. Mr. Baruch's major proposals have been synthesized by the author into a nine-point program as *A Blueprint For Security*. Baruch's counsel is currently being sought by the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, before which on the twenty-second of March, he again expressed his views on the necessity for standby controls. Baruch's recommendations were valid in World War I and remain so to this day; for this reason, *Peace Through Strength* is of interest to all officers of the military service.

- Title:** *World Without End: The Middle East.* 374 p.
- Author:** Lengyel, Emil. N. Y., The John Day Co., 1953.
- Evaluation:** The author describes the Middle East, embracing the area from Turkey east to Iran and from the Black Sea to the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, as a world that is timeless yet in endless ferment. The entire history, economics, politics and sociology are covered in a most concise and effective manner. He concludes with a portrayal of the Middle East as a stage for world power politics and with a plea for the United States to pursue its assigned role.
- Title:** *Stilwell's Mission to China.* 441 p.
- Author:** Romanus, Charles F., and Sunderland, Riley.  
Washington, D. C., U. S. Government Printing Office.
- Evaluation:** The first volume in the China-Burma-India Theater sub-series of the history of the United States Army in World War II covers the U. S. military effort in this theater from 1940 through 1943. The authors provide a full account of General Stilwell's struggle to establish bases and intra-theater transportation services, to rejuvenate the Chinese Army, and to conduct a campaign in Burma. This is a detailed study in which facts are well supported and interpretations are logical. Although this volume is by no means a Stilwell apologia, the reader will feel much sympathy for Stilwell as regards the complexity of his

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tasks and command status. The authors have provided objective treatment, their documentation is thorough and the illustration is well chosen. They have produced a first-class historical work.

- Title:** *Bolivar.* 711 p.
- Author:** Madariaga, Salvador de. N. Y., Pellegrini & Cudahy, 1952.
- Evaluation:** A comprehensive biography which not only covers Bolivar's rise and fall in documental detail, but also gives a wealth of information about the Spanish, the Creoles, the Indians and the era in which they fought for or against independence. Much new material, including some which strengthens the author's belief that Bolivar desired to rule as a king, is included. The contrast between the wars for independence in North and South America in moral aspects, integrity of leadership, ultimate objectives and techniques is very noticeable.
- Title:** *The Aircraft Year Book.* 1952. 464 p.  
Washington, D. C., Lincoln Press, Inc., 1953.
- Evaluation:** This book is a most complete review, directory and encyclopedia of American military and civil aviation in 1952. It is a chronicle of achievements and progress in this field published yearly for thirty-four years. For those interested in American aviation, whether it is in the industrial field, Department of Defense, airlines, important aviation personalities, official records, technical progress, etc., this book will be of great value. It contains no editorializing or personal opinion—only aviation facts.
- Title:** *The Russian Mind.* 291 p.
- Author:** Tompkins, Stuart Ramsey. Norman, Okla., University of Oklahoma Press, 1953.
- Evaluation:** The author presents a well-documented text which is designed to assist a reader to obtain an understanding of what in the Soviet system is derived from the past. The book covers the period up to 1855. Each chapter reviews a segment of the internal and external forces which have shaped the growth of the present social and governmental

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structure of Russia. The subjects of social classes, education, the press, censorship, early internal revolts, and the Russian peasant are analyzed. An exceptionally complete biography is furnished. Highly recommended as a reference text for thesis preparation or as general background reading on Russia.

- Title:** *Formosa.* 218 p.
- Author:** Ballantine, Joseph W. Washington, D. C., The Brookings Institution, 1952.
- Evaluation:** As the subtitle indicates, this Brookings Institution study considers Formosa as "A problem for United States foreign policy." Pointing out that while the problem of Formosa is at the present moment relatively quiescent, it is by no means solved and can become pressing at any time. In this objective study, the author, a former Foreign Service Officer and Director of the Office of Far Eastern Affairs of the Department of State, undertakes to "acquaint the reader with the position in which the United States now stands with respect to the island and with the facts and considerations pertinent to forming judgments on ways and means that may need to be taken into account in dealing with the problem." The first two sections of the book deal with the history of Formosa and its place in international relations and with the part that it has played most recently in American foreign policy. The unemotional presentation of these facts and their objective analysis is in pleasant contrast to the many emotional and biased publications on the same subject that have appeared in recent years. In the last section of the book, consideration is given to the present and the future. The problem confronting the United States is summed up as: "Can the U. S. act in Formosa in a way that will not arouse antagonism among substantial sections of Asian opinion and thus deprive it of a foundation for a more comprehensive and long-term policy for stabilizing the Far East?"

- Title:** *The United States and Mexico.* 452 p.
- Author:** Cline, Howard F. Cambridge, Mass., Harvard University Press, 1953.
- Evaluation:** Mr. Cline, who is Director of the Hispanic Foundation of

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the Library of Congress, reviews the salient features—geographical, historical, political, economic, and social—of Mexico in the past and present. A picture of the United States Foreign Policy—good and bad—toward Mexico is set forth in detail. There is an appendix which lists many facts on the population, political organizations, economy, ethnic groups, education, elections, and foreign trade. This book is an excellent reference. However, the fine print, factual style and lack of adequate maps detracts from its usefulness. The reader is referred to Mr. Cline's article in the March issue of *Current History*.

- Title:** *The United States and India and Pakistan.* 308 p.
- Author:** Brown, W. Norman. Cambridge, Mass.,  
Harvard University Press, 1953.
- Evaluation:** The author, an expert on India and Pakistan, presents a comprehensive study of the two nations. The major political, economic, and social problems are discussed, with detailed coverage given to the rise of nationalism and Hindu-Muslim Communalism which led in the first instance to independence from Britain and in the second to partition into India and Pakistan, with the resultant Kashmir dispute. In addition, the factors bearing on US-India and US-Pakistan relations are discussed in detail. This book can contribute to a better understanding of these two nations and the forces at play within them.

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- Title:** *North Africa in Atlantic Strategy.*
- Author:** Goislard de Monsabert, Jacques de, General,  
French Army.
- Publication:** FOREIGN AFFAIRS, April, 1953, p. 418-426.
- Annotation:** Emphasizes the importance of keeping North Africa from communist control and points out its strategic importance in maintaining control of the Mediterranean and in providing a valuable logistic base for the West.

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- Title:** *Curtain is Raised on Red Ilyushn Jets.*  
**Publication:** AVIATION WEEK, March 30, 1953, p. 30-31, 33.  
**Annotation:** First-hand observation furnished this description of the armament, jet engine type and performance rating of the new Russian IL-26, IL-27, and IL-28.
- Title:** *Three Months on an Arctic Ice Island.*  
**Author:** Fletcher, Joseph O.  
**Publication:** NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, April, 1953, p. 489-504.  
**Annotation:** The record of a three-month stay on a floating island in the Arctic Sea which was used as a base for Arctic weather reports and to study ocean currents and climatic conditions 100 miles from the North Pole.
- Title:** *A New Look at Formosa.*  
**Author:** Taylor, George E.  
**Publication:** ATLANTIC MONTHLY, April, 1953, p. 41-45.  
**Annotation:** Reports that the Nationalist government has reformed and reorganized itself and, with aid and encouragement from the United States, could become the center of the resistance movement against the Chinese communists.
- Title:** *United States Foreign Aid in 1952.*  
**Author:** Kerber, E. S.  
**Publication:** SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS, March, 1953, p. 13-19.  
**Annotation:** An analysis of American foreign aid in 1952 shows that military aid exceeded economic assistance. (Tables summarize foreign aid by program and by major country for the period July 1, 1945 - December 31, 1952).
- Title:** *The State and Prospect of Europe's Defense.*  
**Author:** Liddell Hart, B. H.  
**Publication:** THE VIRGINIA QUARTERLY REVIEW, Spring, 1953, p. 161-174.  
**Annotation:** A discussion of the military defense of Western Europe

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deals with the psychological value of the European Defense Community and with the French attitude toward German participation in Western defense.

- Title:** *The Effects of Rank on Human Relations.*  
**Authors:** Maccoby, Dr. Nathan and Hymovitch, Dr. B.  
**Publication:** AIR UNIVERSITY QUARTERLY, Winter, 1952-53, p. 40-48.  
**Annotation:** Reviews the problems of human relations that arise in organizations where members are placed in different ranks and discusses the research that has been done in this field.

- Title:** *On the Nature of Soviet Imperialism.*  
**Publication:** YALE REVIEW, Spring, 1953, p. 333-350.  
**Annotation:** A study of Russian imperialism, consisting of two articles: I. The Continuity of Russian Imperialism by Harry R. Rudin, discusses communism as a powerful weapon reinforcing Russia's ancient policy of expansion; II. Communist Innovations by David Dallin, deals with the communist theory of international revolution that has spread Russian power from Canton to the Elbe.

- Title:** *Communist Lessons from the Korean Air War.*  
**Author:** Greenough, Robert B., Major, U. S. A. F.  
**Publication:** AIR UNIVERSITY QUARTERLY, Winter, 1952-53, p. 22-29.  
**Annotation:** Warns that the communists have had time to assess, evaluate, and devise counter-measures against U. N. tactics and use of air forces and that the primary aim of communist air power in Korea at present is control of the air.

- Title:** *Balanced Forces for the U. S.*  
**Author:** Nickerson, Hoffman.  
**Publication:** ORDNANCE, March-April, 1953, p. 776-779.  
**Annotation:** The author points out the dangers of excessive military spending and warns that it must be kept in balance with

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our economy. He concludes that our balance of forces during the cold war should depend upon an over-all strategy based upon sea power plus the gaining of local air superiorities.

**Title:** *Naval Mines.*  
**Author:** Bates, Paul L., Colonel, U. S. A.  
**Publication:** MILITARY REVIEW, April, 1953, p. 48-56.  
**Annotation:** A discussion of mine warfare concludes that unless the minesweeping potential of the U. S. and its allies is improved, and means to eliminate the latest type of mines are devised, military plans otherwise feasible will become impracticable.

**Title:** *Death of a Myth.*  
**Author:** Gurian, Waldemar.  
**Publication:** THE COMMONWEAL, March 27, 1953, p. 622-624.  
**Annotation:** The chairman of Notre Dame University's new program on East Europe and Soviet policies, warns that the strength of the Stalin myth ought not to be underestimated and expresses the belief that Stalin's political methods will continue to survive even if the USSR should disintegrate.

**Title:** *Scandinavia's Strategic Position.*  
**Author:** Myhrman, Sam, Lieutenant Colonel.  
**Publication:** MILITARY REVIEW, April, 1953, p. 93-96.  
**Annotation:** Deals with the strategic situation of the Scandinavian countries and concludes that in World War III the area would be one of the focal points of the conflict. (Translated and digested from Ny Militar Tidskrift, No. 10, 1952).

**Title:** *Why Europe Distrusts Us.*  
**Author:** Strausz-Hupe, Robert.  
**Publication:** THE NEW LEADER, March 30, 1953, p. 8-11.  
**Annotation:** Analyzes briefly the nature of American-European ten-

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sions and finds the causes to be economic dependence upon America and resentment of U. S. policies designed to meet the Soviet threat.

**Title:** *We Are Losing the Cold War in the Near East.*  
**Author:** Locke, Edwin A., Jr.  
**Publication:** VITAL SPEECHES, March 15, 1953, p. 338-340.  
**Annotation:** Urges that the U. S. sponsor a program for the economic development of Arab lands and thereby restore the faith of the Arab peoples in America and defeat the communist movement in the Near East.

**Title:** *The Naval War College Today.*  
**Author:** Virden, Frank, Captain, U. S. N.  
**Publication:** U. S. NAVAL INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS, April, 1953, p. 365-371.  
**Annotation:** A complete description of the mission, curriculum and classes of the modern post-war Naval War College, which has kept abreast of the newest developments in naval warfare.

**Title:** *Reflections on the Conduct of a Future War.*  
**Author:** James, William, Admiral Sir, British Navy.  
**Publication:** JOURNAL OF THE ROYAL UNITED SERVICE INSTITUTION, February, 1953, p. 72-75.  
**Annotation:** Argues that the strategical and tactical skill of the commanders of the Western powers will be the decisive factors in future warfare, which will be war of maneuver since modern weapons are becoming too expensive to be used in the enormous quantities employed in the two world wars.

**Title:** *Observations on NATO's Progress.*  
**Author:** Anderson, F. L.  
**Publication:** THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE BULLETIN, February 23, 1953, p. 290-291.  
**Annotation:** Gives an over-all view of the defense build-up of the

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Atlantic community and warns that if improvement is to continue the Western nations must strive for public support of the program for security and peace.

**Title:** *Spain Moves into the Defense Picture.*  
**Publication:** CONGRESSIONAL DIGEST, March, 1953, p. 71-79.  
**Annotation:** A series of articles outlining Spanish foreign policy, history, politics and the military and strategic value of Spain to the West.

**Title:** *Underground Air Force.*  
**Author:** Thoren, Arne.  
**Publication:** AIR FORCE, March, 1953, p. 34-36.  
**Annotation:** Describes Sweden's Air Force as being the third strongest in Europe, with underground hangers and jet factories hewn out of rock to protect it.

**Title:** *Lessons Learned from Naval Operations in World War II.*  
**Author:** Conolly, Richard L., Vice Admiral, U. S. N.  
**Publication:** CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, March 10, 1953, p. A1290-1292.  
**Annotation:** An address by the President of the Naval War College before the Naval Order of the United States in New York, December 11, 1952, in which he points out the lessons of World War II that can contribute to the efficient conduct of future naval campaigns.

**Title:** *The Trouble with Our Weapons.*  
**Author:** O'Keefe, Philip.  
**Publication:** FREEMAN, March 23, 1953, p. 449-451.  
**Annotation:** Advocates that industrial engineers be employed in designing our weapons in order to improve their quality, since they fall far short of the technological perfection of our industrially-designed consumer goods.

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- Title:** *Psychological Warfare: Can it Sell Freedom?*
- Author:** Schlesinger, Arthur, Jr.
- Publication:** REPORTER, March 31, 1953, p. 9-12.
- Annotation:** Contends that psychological warfare is an impossibility in a democracy where all policies are subject to inquiry by the people and Congress, and that the only way to win the cold war is by diplomacy.
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- Title:** *The Aircraft Carrier.*
- Publication:** INTERAVIA, Vol. VIII, No. 3.
- Annotation:** This issue on carrier aviation should be of interest to all—military and civilian. Practically all the pros and cons on the place of the carrier in the atomic and jet age are discussed and analyzed. This series of articles gives the clearest and most unbiased evaluation of the present and future value of the carrier yet presented. The editors appear to “take no sides” and leave the decision to the reader, after reviewing the arguments presented for and against the carrier.
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- Title:** *Malaya: Where Communists Lose.*
- Publication:** U. S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, March 27, 1953, p. 46-50.
- Annotation:** Sir Gerald Templer, High Commissioner and Supreme Commander in Malaya reports, in an interview, that Britain is getting the upper hand in the war against the communists.