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REPORT OF FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE NAVAL WAR COLLEGE GLOBAL STRATEGY DISCUSSIONS

The Fifth Annual Session of the Naval War College Global Strategy Discussions is reviewed in this edition.

The Discussions, a forum series in which facts and factors are investigated to assist those attending, individually, to become aware of problems which may face the United States in time of national emergency, were conducted May 4-8, 1953, inclusive.

The Naval War College inherently is vested with the prerogative of inquiring into the forces and principles controlling such an emergency or war; and determining from a Naval standpoint the conditions, limitations and other pertinent factors governing the successful solution to, or termination of, the conflict. Only through the exercise of such prerogative can it further an understanding, among its students, of the fundamentals of warfare and their application to future naval warfare.

Believing that the solution of many of today's problems are to be found only through the interchange of objective opinions, candidly spoken, the Naval War College, through the annual session of Global Strategy Discussions, has furnished a vehicle for such expressions. Subject matter in the Discussions range from basic factors influencing the world situation to specific opinions on national and military strategy.

The fact that over 60 eminent civilians, highly respected leaders in their own fields, attended the 1953 Session at their own expense was indicative of the prestige won through the four previous Discussions. All joined freely in the interchange of thought-provoking ideas. To their contribution were added those of some 87 Senior Naval Reserve Officers, many quite prominent in their civilian professions. Adding another facet to the program was the

attendance of representatives of other service schools and various military organizations. In this group, there were 11 of flag rank. Including the students and staff of the Naval War College, there were over 500 present. Attention is invited to the list of participants published elsewhere in this edition.

Indicative, also, of the success of the program was the fact that a large percentage of those attending expressed an enthusiastic desire to attend next year. This fact is gratifying to the Naval War College, which is highly appreciative of the assistance given by the lecturers and by the participants to help it carry out its mission.

The schedule and agenda is published herein as a matter of interest to the officers of the Service. In addition, lectures which featured the Global Strategy Discussions are reproduced for the reader's benefit.

The Sixth Session of the Global Strategy Discussions is tentatively scheduled during the month of June, 1954.

SCHEDULE

4 May — Monday

0830 - 1030	Draw Global Strategy Discussions material in Library, Mahan Hall.
1045	Opening remarks by the President, Naval War College, in the auditorium, Pringle Hall
1055	Security Briefing
1100	Lecture—"Current World Situation"
1400	Group Sessions Subject—Examination of the World Situation

5 May — Tuesday

- 0830 Group Sessions
Subject—The National Objectives of the
 United States
- 1330 Group Sessions
Subject—Summary of the National
 Objectives
- 1500 Lecture—"Economic Factors in the Form-
 ulation of National Strategy"
 Dr. Charles F. Roos

6 May — Wednesday

- 0830 Group Sessions
Subject—A Global Strategic Concept—
 Economic Considerations
- 1100 Lecture—"Political Factors in the Form-
 ulation of National Strategy"
 Dr. James P. Baxter
- 1400 Group Sessions
Subject—A Global Strategic Concept—
 Political Considerations
- 1600 - 1700 Estimate of Armed Forces Naval War
 College Team

7 May — Thursday

- 0830 Lecture—"Strategic Services in Cold War"
 Major General William J. Donovan
- 1030 Group Sessions
Subject—A Global Strategic Concept—
 Military Considerations

- c. The global strategic concepts should encompass measures necessary to deal with situations of (1) precarious peace, (2) quasi-war or limited wars and (3) all-out war resulting from the present world situation. It should provide for integrating military, economic, spiritual and political elements of strength of the United States.

Method:

- a. Small groups, consisting of officers of the staff and regular and reserve classes of the Naval War College, civilian and military guests, will meet for discussion of the subject and formulation of group solutions. The moderator for each group will be a Naval War College officer student. It will be understood that no individual need identify himself with the final composite solution of his group.
- b. The program will include selected reading and lectures in addition to group and plenary discussions. Pertinent classified material will be presented and library facilities will be made available for all visiting participants.
- c. A plenary session will be held on the last day of the discussions to present features of special interest which have been developed in the groups.

Security

- a. Privacy accorded individual utterances.

In accordance with the established policy of the Naval War College the utterances of speakers and discussion participants will be accorded scrupulous privacy. Any information subsequently used outside the Naval War College will not be associated with the originator. This protection accorded the

privacy of the individuals' utterances is expected to result, as it has in the past, in giving all participants the benefit of educated opinions frankly expressed by which means alone the purposes and goals of the discussions can be achieved.

b. U. S. Security information

Most lectures, materials, discussion utterances and results of the Global Strategy Discussions will be in the category of security information, which means that disclosure to an unauthorized individual or government would be potentially or actually adverse to the national security of the United States. Security measures will be announced on the opening day of the discussions.



The U. S. Naval War College Held Its Fifth Annual Series of Global Strategy Discussions at the College, Newport, R. I. 4-8 May 1953. Shown here are: l to r, Rear Admiral W. M. Beakley, U.S.N. Chief of Staff, Rear Admiral C. C. Wood, U.S.N., Major General W. J. Donovan, U.S.A. (Ret), Vice Admiral R. L. Conolly, U.S.N., President, Naval War College, Admiral A. G. Kirk, U.S.N. (Ret), Vice Admiral F. G. Fahrion, U.S.N., and Rear Admiral R. L. Campbell, U.S.N.