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**RECOMMENDED READING**

The evaluations 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:** *The China Tangle.* 445 p.
- Author:** Feis, Herbert. Princeton, N. J., Princeton University Press, 1953.
- Evaluation:** *The China Tangle* is a factual account of the American effort in China from 1941 to 1946. By and large, Mr. Feis restricts himself to the facts and events as he sees them, but enlivens the book with his own opinions at pertinent stages. The book is excellently written, with a background of authority and experience, since the author had access to official records of the State Department in their original form. There are some interesting new views on the conflicting opinions within the American government as to the proper policy with respect to China, as well as valuable background material on our wartime conferences, and the deepening rift between the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R.
- Title:** *How Russia Is Ruled.* 575 p.
- Author:** Fainsod, Merle. Cambridge, Harvard University Press, 1953.
- Evaluation:** In his book *How Russia Is Ruled*, Professor Fainsod gives the history of communism in Russia from its beginning to

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the present, tracing its meteoric rise from a small band of revolutionaries to the present dictatorship of the proletariat. In 500 pages of easily readable material, the author shows how determined communists have, in the span of fifty short years, built a classless and materialistic state capable of threatening Western civilization. This book is well worth reading for anyone who desires historical information about the internal political control of the Soviet Union.

**Title:** *The Undeclared War, 1940-1941.* 963 p.  
**Author:** Langer, William L. and Gleason, S. Everett. N. Y., Harper & Bros., 1953.

**Evaluation:** An authoritative work on American foreign policy and the problems and background of its development during the two crucial years before Pearl Harbor. It follows logically and chronologically the author's earlier volume, *The Challenge to Isolation, 1937-1940*, and is the second volume of their study of *The World Crisis and American Foreign Policy*. A historical research study, it is objective in point of view, thorough in research, and sound in its conclusions. The authors are recognized authorities in their field and have had access to much original source material. This volume and its companion one, *The Challenge to Isolation*, will take their place as historians' reference works on American foreign policy for the period 1937-41 in the same manner as Langer's *European Alliances and Alignments, 1871-1890*, and *Diplomacy of Imperialism, 1890-1902*, have become standard for the imperialistic period of the latter part of the nineteenth and early part of the twentieth century.

**Title:** *Report on Mao's China.* 212 p.  
**Author:** Moraes, Frank. N. Y., The Macmillan Co., 1953.

**Evaluation:** The report of an extended visit to Red China by the editor of an Indian newspaper, as a member of a "cultural" mission invited to study the progress of the Red government in China. An interesting and fairly objective report of the visit, it actually is a statement of how India sees Red China in the light of their relative power positions in Asia. Obviously, the group of which the author was a member saw only pre-planned exhibits and instructed

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Chinese. However, it appears that the author also uncovered and evaluated reasonably factual information regarding Chinese communism, its past, present, and future. He indicates that Chinese Titoism may be exploited, and that the basis for such exploitation exists. The concluding chapters are typical of the vague role which India has taken, and in the comparisons between the West, China, and India the reader may see some of the illusions which trouble Asia—internally and externally. Recommended reading for those interested in the present and future situation in Asia, as well as the means used to spread communism in China.

- Title:** *The U. S. and Latin America.* 62 p.
- Author:** Matthews, Herbert L. N. Y., Foreign Policy Association, Inc., 1953.
- Evaluation:** Herbert L. Matthews, member of The New York Times editorial staff covering Latin American affairs, gives in this pamphlet a brief yet searching analysis of the historical, economic and political relations between the U. S. and Latin American countries. Emphasizing that economics is the major basis for inter-American relations, Mr. Matthews sketches the importance of fostering a viable and equitable trade system within the hemisphere. The considerable U. S. dependence on Latin America for strategic raw materials and markets for manufactured materials is clearly set forth. Varied degrees of political stability and maturity within the Latin American countries are discussed in the light of how these affect intra-hemispheric relations and why we should understand them better. The increasing acceptance by Latin America of democratic ideas, and the betterment of the individual's social and economic lots are used as bases for policy recommendations. The latter part of the pamphlet is a series of thumbnail sketches of the twenty Latin American nations, of the peoples, their governments and their social and economic conditions. General knowledge of this type should be an integral part of every senior officer's understanding of world politics and economics. It is considered excellent as a source for the broad background type of information.

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**Title:** *North.* 237 p.  
**Author:** Rodahl, Kaare. N. Y., Harper & Bros., 1953.  
**Evaluation:** Dr. Rodahl has produced an extremely readable volume on life in the far north, drawing largely from his experiences as a member of the Air Force expedition to T-3, one of the larger ice islands of the Polar Basin. The author had previous wide experience in other Arctic areas, as well. There are introductory chapters on history of polar research, biology of the Polar Basin, animal life, and background geographical information. The book is non-scientific, written in easily understandable language, and one of the most interesting volumes to appear in recent times about this fascinating and, today, strategically important area. One of the few publications available to the public on the subject of ice islands.

**Title:** *The Future of the West.* 178 p.  
**Author:** De Beus, Jacobus G. N. Y., Harper & Bros., 1953.

**Evaluation:** The author, who is the Minister of the Netherlands Embassy in Washington, compares the cyclical philosophies of history as set forth by Nikolai Danilevsky, Oswald Spengler, and Arnold Toynbee. He favors Toynbee's theory, and concludes that although Western civilization is about to enter its last and possibly greatest phase, it is far from perishing. He is optimistic on the possibility of Western civilization meeting its greatest challenges: (1) European disunity, (2) Asian nationalism, and (3) communism. This book is of value, particularly as a review of the cyclical philosophies of history, and also as a reminder that communism is only one of the dangers to Western civilization.

**Title:** *From Down Under to Nippon.* 393 p.  
**Author:** Krueger, Walter, General, U.S.A.  
**Evaluation:** General Krueger presents a detailed, chronological account of the operations of the Sixth Army and its components from its activation at Fort Sam Houston on 25 January 1943 to its inactivation in Japan three years later. Each operation is discussed in detail, emphasizing the manner in which planning and execution were accomplished. Naval

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and air operations are included to the extent necessary for continuity. An excellent portrayal of centralized planning and decentralized execution, this book makes reference to the strategic planning done on the theater level; shows how tactical planning and coordination with naval and air forces was effected on Sixth Army level; and, how execution was accomplished on subordinate army levels. The Leyte and Luzon operations are excellent examples of large land mass operations which had their inception in amphibious landings.

**Periodicals**

- Title:** *Spanish Bases: Good Insurance?*
- Publication:** U. S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, September 18, 1953, p. 40-44.
- Annotation:** A report on the value to U. S. security of U. S. naval and air bases to be constructed under the U. S. agreement with Spain. (Maps, p. 40-41 and 44).
- Title:** *The Heritage of Douhet.*
- Author:** Brodie, Dr. Bernard.
- Publication:** AIR UNIVERSITY QUARTERLY REVIEW, Summer, 1953, p. 64.
- Annotation:** An analysis of the writings and theories of strategic air power's first great advocate, General Giulio Douhet.
- Title:** *An Open Look at Secret Diplomacy.*
- Author:** Nicolson, Harold.
- Publication:** THE NEW YORK TIMES MAGAZINE, September 13, 1953, p. 17, 47-48.
- Annotation:** A British student and practitioner of diplomacy attempts to set out what diplomacy really means and to indicate how it might be employed so as to produce the most fruitful results.

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- Title:** *Flying Windmills in Korea.*  
**Author:** Montross, Lynn.  
**Publication:** MARINE CORPS GAZETTE, September, 1953, p. 17-25.  
**Annotation:** Gives a little background history of helicopter doctrinal development in the Marine Corps and briefly reports on helicopter operation in Korea, showing the successive uses and the results achieved.
- Title:** *East-West Trade: Russia's Sham Weapon.*  
**Author:** May, A. Wilfred.  
**Publication:** UNITED NATIONS WORLD, September-October, 1953, p. 47-50.  
**Annotation:** Contends that Russia's bid for resumption of East-West trade is a propaganda device intended to split the Western alliance and presents evidence that communist markets are non-existent.
- Title:** *Will Japan Bow to the East?*  
**Author:** Smythe, Hugh H.  
**Publication:** UNITED NATIONS WORLD, September-October, 1953, p. 38-42.  
**Annotation:** Considers Japan's economic and diplomatic position, concluding that Japan will strive to rebuild friendly relations with Russia and Red China and to develop substantial trade with them.
- Title:** *The National Security Council.*  
**Publication:** ORDNANCE, October, 1953, p. 242-243.  
**Annotation:** Analyzes the functions and membership of the National Security Council, which has become a basic vehicle in adjusting national strategy with the foreign and domestic needs of the U. S.
- Title:** *Organizing for Defense.*  
**Author:** Duffield, Eugene S.  
**Publication:** HARVARD BUSINESS REVIEW, September-October, 1953, p. 29-42.  
**Annotation:** The stated business of this article is to explain the fundamental characteristics of the Defense Department in

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a businessman's terms; to show how each major reorganization in the past six years has attempted to meet these fundamentals and to evaluate the degree of success or failure to do so.

**Title:** *Current Practice in Air Defense.*  
**Author:** Smith, Frederic H., Jr., Major General, U.S.A.F.  
**Publication:** AIR UNIVERSITY QUARTERLY REVIEW,  
Summer, 1953, p. 31-39.  
**Annotation:** The conclusion of a two part article by Major General Smith of Air Defense Command points up significant changes in philosophy engendered by the introduction of weapons of mass destruction, delivered by aircraft with ever-improving performance. (Part I, on basic actions common to any air defense system, appeared in the spring issue).

**Title:** *The Fateful Race Between China and India.*  
**Author:** Ward, Barbara.  
**Publication:** THE NEW YORK TIMES MAGAZINE,  
September 20, 1953, p. 9, 64-67.  
**Annotation:** Discusses the plans for economic modernization going forward in India within the framework of democracy and in China under totalitarian dictatorship, pointing out that in the long run it may be the decisive struggle in Asia.

**Title:** *Annual Review of Naval Aviation.*  
**Publication:** THE NAVY (Great Britain), September, 1953.  
**Annotation:** This entire issue is devoted to the Fleet Air Arm of the Royal Navy.

**Title:** *Europe After Stalin.*  
**Author:** Einaudi, Mario.  
**Publication:** THE YALE REVIEW, Autumn, 1953, p. 24-36.  
**Annotation:** Considers changing political conditions in Western Europe and proposes that the European Political Community come before the European Defense Community and that NATO be relied upon for the military defense of Europe until agreement can be reached in the Defense Community.



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**Title:** *Territorial War: The New Concept of Resistance.*  
**Author:** Kveder, Dusan, Lieutenant-General, Yugoslavian  
**Publication:** FOREIGN AFFAIRS, October, 1953, p. 91-108.  
Army.

**Annotation:** General Kveder of the Yugoslavian Army, graduate of the Voroshilov Academy in Moscow, and a lecturer at the Naval War College in 1953, proposes as an alternative to surrender: a defensive doctrine in the form of mobile "territorial" war for consideration by countries who do not as yet possess the means for repelling "aggression at their borders." Current U. S. doctrine recognizes similar prerequisites. General Kveder has, in essence, amplified these. His ideas bear marked resemblance to those expressed by Liddell Hart in *Defense of the West*.

**Title:** *Airborne Assault by an Infantry Division.*  
**Author:** Kinzer, John M., Lieutenant Colonel (Artillery),  
**Publication:** MILITARY REVIEW, October, 1953, p. 45-53.  
U. S. A.

**Annotation:** An examination of the feasibility of conducting limited-objective airborne assault operations, employing the infantry division and helicopters.

**Title:** *Indochina — The Seven Year Dilemma.*  
**Author:** Fall, Bernard B.  
**Publication:** MILITARY REVIEW, October, 1953, p. 23-35.

**Annotation:** Describes the war in Indochina, which will be seven years old this December, and points out that more aggressive action is required to prevent a stalemate similar to the one in Korea.

**Title:** *Echoes of Militarism in Japan.*  
**Author:** Kinoshita, Hanji.  
**Publication:** PACIFIC AFFAIRS, September, 1953, p. 244-251.  
**Annotation:** An account of the activities of former service personnel in post-war Japan which the author feels might afford a clue to the nature of future Japanese policies.

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**Title:** *The Kremlin's Foreign Policy Since Stalin.*  
**Author:** Mosely, Philip E.  
**Publication:** FOREIGN AFFAIRS, October, 1953, p. 20-33.  
**Annotation:** A critical interpretation of recent Soviet foreign policy. Premise of article is that Soviet policy has not changed in any significant sense and that, if anything, the dangers to the West "are definitely not on the wane, but are increasing."

**Title:** *Defense and Strategy: U. S. vs. Soviet Technology.*  
**Publication:** FORTUNE, October, 1953, p. 55-60, 65.  
**Annotation:** A report based in part on observations of Colonel Robert H. Orr, Fifth Air Force's chief of combat operations in Korea, is presented as "an illuminating picture of Soviet military technology, management, logistics, resources, and organization." (Geography of air-holding action, p. 56).

**Title:** *Our Navy in the Far East.*  
**Author:** Radford, Arthur W., Admiral, U.S.N.  
**Publication:** THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE, October, 1953, p. 537-577.  
**Annotation:** An illustrated article summing up impressions of American naval activities from the Sea of Japan to the South China Sea, formed during a four-year tour of duty as Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific Fleet.

**Title:** *The Grand Alliance Hesitates.*  
**Author:** Armstrong, Hamilton Fish.  
**Publication:** FOREIGN AFFAIRS, October, 1953, p. 48-67.  
**Annotation:** Brief survey of the background for some of the basic causes of disagreement within the Western coalition. Special attention is directed upon those differences between British and American requirements to be met in any future settlement with the Soviet Union.

## WHAT SITUATION?

“Our service schools go to great lengths to teach the *estimate of the situation*, with considerable emphasis on the *estimate*, but without much consideration of the *situation*. When a commander, in battle, estimates the situation, he should realize that there are at least five situations existing at that time. There are: the true situation, the situation as seen by our own commander, the situation as seen by the enemy commander, the situation we think the enemy sees, and the one he thinks we see.”

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