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## Recommended Reading

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### 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:** *Force Mulberry.* 240 p.  
**Author:** Stanford, Alfred. N. Y., William Morrow & Co., 1951.

**Evaluation:** An excellent account of the work that went into the planning and execution of the artificial harbors used for the Normandy invasion. The author was connected with the project from the very beginning and in the invasion served as Deputy Commander for the harbor at Omaha beach. Skillfully and interestingly written, this book shows the maze of cross-purposes at high command levels and the reluctance toward the use of new methods. The author has outlined the SNAFU situation of the rush construction program, the training of personnel, the cross-channel towing and the assembly under fire and described how the driving energy of the men assigned got the job done. Recommended reading not only for its description of the harbor project but also for its insight into the uncertainties and difficulties of a large scale invasion.

**Title:** *Negotiating With the Russians.* 310 p.  
**Author:** Dennett, Raymond and Johnson, Joseph E. Boston, World Peace Foundation, 1951.

**Evaluation:** A symposium of ten prominent men relating their experiences and reactions while negotiating with the Russians during the period 1940-1950. The purpose and scope is

to present the record of how we negotiate with Russians and what happens when we do. It is not a record of American foreign policy as such. There is no summary of conclusions nor any analysis of the meaning of this difficult decade of negotiation. However, the record of the experience of these men and their informed and careful judgments convey for thoughtful readers both a lesson and a warning. This is a very timely publication relating a story as it appears in retrospect. It provides clues to the answers of such questions as, "Can we negotiate with the Russians?" "What does negotiation mean?" "What happens when we negotiate?" and, "Is it worthwhile?" The tasks confronting our present representatives now negotiating the "Cease Fire Agreement in Korea" will be appreciated by the reader and it will be understood why six months of talks has produced no more than a stalemate.

**Title:** *Closing the Ring.* 749 p.  
**Author:** Churchill, Winston S. N. Y., Houghton Mifflin Co., 1951.

**Evaluation:** This fifth volume of Churchill's history of the Second World War covers the period from the beginning of the summer of 1943 to the evening of 5 June 1944—the events preceding the "Overlord" landing. Many of the events related in this volume have been discussed in other current writings. However, this work is Mr. Churchill's contribution to history from the point of view of the British Prime Minister and Minister of Defense. No study of the history of this period could be complete without the point of view of one who played so important a role in making this history.

**Title:** *The Armed Forces Yearbook, 1951.* 460 p.  
**Author:** Brassey's Annual. N. Y., Macmillan Co., 1951.

**Evaluation:** For sixty years Brassey's Annual was the yearbook of the British Navy. Last year's and this year's issues, however, have been expanded, (1) to embrace the activities of all three Britain's armed services and (2) to present a number of well-written articles on military subjects of universal interest. The sterile, traditional title is in no way suggestive of either content or scope. Out of thirty-one chapters, eighteen are devoted to such topics as, "Soviet and Western Strategy," "Chinese Armed Forces," "The Pattern of Future War," "Tank Warfare," "The Potential Menace of the Sea Mine." Chapters are con-

tributions of individual authors selected by the editorial staff. The list of these authors includes such names as Captain B. H. Liddell Hart, Major-General J. F. C. Fuller and Sir Henry Tizard. *Brassey's Annual* should be very valuable for reference use in the study of many aspects of the current world military situation and Western defense.

- Title:** *Failure in Japan.* 262 p.
- Author:** Textor, Robert B. N. Y., John Day Co., 1951.
- Evaluation:** The author makes a critical appraisal of the efforts of General MacArthur's Military Government to democratize Japan. The book deals with reemergence of the reactionary "old guard" political elements, the failure of occupation policies to break up the industrial combines, obstruction of the growth of democratic trade unionism and inept handling of public information and education. In the opinion of the author the United States stands to lose the peace in Japan unless drastic steps are taken along some such lines as indicated by him. The book throws light upon the risks involved by commanders who undertake to put a ban upon all critical material written about one's work or policies. It will be of value to students of military government and to all who are interested in Japanese and Far Eastern Affairs.

- Title:** *United Nations and Power Politics.* 462 p.
- Author:** MacLaurin, John. N. Y., Harper & Bros., 1951.
- Evaluation:** In his preface, the author states that one who writes on a political subject in these times, owes the reader an explanation of his views as a necessary background to understanding his objectives. He frankly states that he believes in the expansion of civil liberties rather than restricting them; in the stimulation of kindness and sincerity in public office rather than heartlessness and hypocrisy; he dislikes police or military rule; and believes that governments should be checked through informed and freely expressed public opinions pressed home through democratic processes. The Charter of the United Nations is used as the basic outline for this book. The principal articles of the Charter are taken up and considered, one by one, followed by a summation of the facts and debates concerned with political issues or incidents to which such Charter provisions are applicable. Many of the subjects covered, such as "Iran and the U. S. S. R." "The Berlin Crisis," "The Military Staff Committee," "The Atomic Energy Com-

mission," should prove of especial interest to the staff and students of the Naval War College. This book is an excellent study of the Charter of the United Nations and of the role of the United Nations in the political and economic conflicts of the nations of the world today.

- Title:** *Inflation and Mobilization.* 98 p.
- Author:** Simmons, Frederick L. Claremont, Calif., Claremont College, 1951.
- Evaluation:** The author, a leading authority on economic trends and policies, considers such important problems as how to control the inflationary spiral, and what measures should be taken to preserve a sound economy throughout the years of rearmament and mobilization. He suggests that "pressures of loyal citizens" may wreck our economic system. In the foreword, the statement is made that "patriotic Americans with mistaken ideas are vastly more dangerous to the future of our country than card-carrying communists and fellow travelers." The author, in the series of lectures that make up this book, attempts to point out some of these mistaken ideas and show wherein they are fallacious, and then point out some of the things that should and must be done. Although some of his tables and statistics are a little difficult for a layman to understand, the explanations are excellent. The book should be read by all hands.

- Title:** *Master Spy.* 286 p.
- Author:** Colvin, Ian. N. Y., McGraw-Hill, 1951.
- Evaluation:** A narrative of Admiral Canaris' operations from 1935 until his death in early 1945, while serving as Chief of the German Military Intelligence Service. The book aims to prove that Canaris aided the enemies of Germany during this period. The organization and techniques of an intelligence service are treated rather sketchily. Although no effort is spared to demonstrate Canaris' disloyalty to Hitler by aiding the enemies of the Nazis, the book is probably factual in the main.

- Title:** *Realities of World Power.* 334 p.
- Author:** Kieffer, John E. N. Y., David McKay Co., 1952.
- Evaluation:** A long-awaited book—a one package, lucid version of geopolitics, centered around and written particularly for the United States in "Today's World." As the preface states: "The purpose of this book is to explain in non-technical

terms the complexities of the world of power politics in which we now live. It is also an exposition of the latest thinking in the field of geopolitics—that dread calculus of conquest Hitler misapplied.” This study follows the little-understood field of geopolitics from its origins in the misty philosophies of early German proponents of power politics, through the various schools and stages of development to the world of today—and to the particular position of the United States vis-a-vis that world. If the book has any fault it is that the author, in attempting to write so that all readers may understand him, sometimes obviously oversimplifies his cases—but that is a minor weakness which, perhaps, adds rather than detracts from the appeal of the book. Mr. Kieffer has recently had background experience in the Armed Forces (the Air Force) and is currently on active duty at the Air University. As might be expected, his concepts are somewhat colored by his air viewpoint but, nevertheless, he has a thoroughly realistic and broad approach to his subject. This is a work that should be read by all Americans—for whom the author states it was written). It is recommended for all officers of the Naval War College.

- Title:** *America's Weapons of Psychological Warfare.*  
206 p.
- Author:** Summers, Robert E. N. Y., H. W. Wilson  
Co., 1951.
- Evaluation:** A symposium of excerpts of speeches and writings about the background, scope, effectiveness and weaknesses of the U. S. psychological warfare program. There is also a section dealing with proposals for improving the program. Each section is introduced by a short summary comment by the author, but the reader is left to draw his own conclusions. Although some excellently written excerpts are included, the first 117 pages deal mostly with statistical data. This would be of interest to those in need of factual information about the U. S. psychological warfare program. The remaining pages contain many profound observations concerning national strategy and policies. These pages are recommended for reading in connection with global strategy studies.

## PERIODICALS

- Title:** *Mediterranean Rescue.*  
**Author:** Gallery, Rear Admiral Daniel V.  
**Publication:** COLLIER'S, January 19, 1952, p. 25, 67-69.  
**Annotation:** Describes one of the biggest air-sea rescue operations in the Mediterranean's history to locate two pilots from the Aircraft Carrier CORAL SEA.
- Title:** *How Strong Is Red China?*  
**Author:** Hanrahan, Gene Z.  
**Publication:** COMBAT FORCES JOURNAL, January, 1952, p. 34-38.  
**Annotation:** Evaluates the economic, military and political factors which, combined with the strategic geography of China, play an important role in her strength.
- Title:** *Background for Russian Action.*  
**Author:** Hittle, Lt. Col. J. D.  
**Publication:** MARINE CORPS GAZETTE, January, 1952, p. 47-59.  
**Annotation:** Discussion of East-West problems which illustrate that basic objectives and methods of Communist Russia derive from origins deeply rooted in the history of the Russian nation.
- Title:** *First Story of Naval Air Power.*  
**Publication:** U. S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, January 18, 1952, p. 28-33.  
**Annotation:** An interview with Vice Admiral John H. Cassady, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Air, in which he replies to questions on naval air power in Korea, the role of aircraft carriers and other questions on naval air operations.
- Title:** *The Sovereign Position.*  
**Author:** Voight, F. A.  
**Publication:** THE FREEMAN, January 14, 1952, p. 233-235.  
**Annotation:** Develops the thesis that, in the present conflict between Russia and the West, the decisive position is the Dar-

danelles—and, if held in sufficient strength, will enable the West to influence events in Southern Asia and the Far East.

**Title:** *Is Stalin in Trouble?*  
**Author:** Crankshaw, Edward.  
**Publication:** LOOK, January 29, 1952, p. 26-31.  
**Annotation:** Contends that Stalin's bid for world domination has seriously upset the planned economy of Russia and has strained the people to the limit.

**Title:** *Red China's A-Bombs.*  
**Author:** Deverall, Richard.  
**Publication:** THE NEW LEADER, January 21, 1952, p. 2-3.  
**Annotation:** Reports that Soviet and Chinese scientists are operating a huge atomic-bomb plant and arsenal in Red China's Sinkiang province and that the plant is under the direction of a distinguished British scientist, Dr. Bruno Pontecorvo.

**Title:** *Limited and Unlimited War.*  
**Author:** Spaight, J. M.  
**Publication:** ROYAL AIR FORCE QUARTERLY, January, 1952, p. 6-8.  
**Annotation:** Defines limited and unlimited warfare, cites the Korean war as an example of limited war and suggests that the pattern of limited warfare may be followed rather than risk the serious consequences of all-out conflict.

**Title:** *General Eisenhower's Elephants.*  
**Author:** Arthur, C. S., Cdr., U. S. N.  
**Publication:** UNITED STATES NAVAL INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS, January, 1952, p. 45-49.  
**Annotation:** Discusses the over-all strategy for the defense of Western Europe, warns against attempting an offensive ground warfare and argues that the preparedness effort must be centered primarily upon naval and air strength.



- Title:** *An Analysis of the Strategic Areas in Asia.*  
**Author:** Strausz-Hupe, Robert.  
**Publication:** UNITED STATES NAVAL INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS, January, 1952, p. 1-7.  
**Annotation:** Surveys South Asia's strategic assets and liabilities and outlines the alternatives and capabilities of U. S. policy in regard to that area.
- Title:** *The U. S. Military Mind.*  
**Publication:** FORTUNE, February, 1952, p. 91-93, 202-208.  
**Annotation:** Attempts to give some idea of the efficiency of the U. S. military machine by presenting a brief view of its managers.
- Title:** *Africa: Strategic Prize of the Century.*  
**Author:** Herald, George W.  
**Publication:** UNITED NATIONS WORLD, February, 1952, p. 17-20, 46-47.  
**Annotation:** An analysis of the opening moves in the struggle between East and West for the world's second largest land mass and its fabulous natural wealth.
- Title:** *Red China's Three Top Field Commanders.*  
**Author:** Hanrahan, Gene Z.  
**Publication:** MARINE CORPS GAZETTE, February, 1952, p. 54-61.  
**Annotation:** Gives a short profile of three of the six top Chinese Communist field commanders upon whose capabilities and limitations the military fortunes of Red China rest.
- Title:** *General Ike's Air Force.*  
**Author:** Peck, James L. H.  
**Publication:** FLYING, March, 1952, p. 11-13, 63-64.  
**Annotation:** An evaluation of the strength of Allied Air Forces in Central Europe which presents estimate on the number and types of aircraft available at present. (SACEUR chart, p. 12; table, giving information on NATO's defensive air strength, p. 13).

- Title:** *A Military Analysis of Russian Preparedness.*  
**Author:** von Rohden, Herhudt.  
**Publication:** AVIATION AGE, February, 1952, p. 6-18, 23.  
**Annotation:** An assessment of Soviet air power and strategy by the last Chief of the War Science Office of the German Air Force, who served in Russia during World War II, and warns that the Russians are in no way inferior in the technical accomplishments that bring success in warfare. Recommended for all officers at Naval War College.
- Title:** *Blockading China: What Navy Can Do.*  
**Publication:** U. S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, February 22, 1952, p. 54-59.  
**Annotation:** An interview with Admiral Arthur W. Radford, Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet, in which he discusses the possibility and effectiveness of a naval blockade of China and other questions on the Far Eastern situation. Recommended for all officers at Naval War College.
- Title:** *The Unreported War in Indonesia.*  
**Author:** Marshack, Alexander.  
**Publication:** THE AMERICAN MERCURY, February, 1952, p. 37-47.  
**Annotation:** Traces the background and developments in the undeclared war between Dutch forces and Indonesians who were supposedly granted independence in 1949.
- Title:** *The U. S. Shapes a Middle East Policy.*  
**Author:** Wells, Wickham.  
**Publication:** THE REPORTER, March 4, 1952, p. 5-7.  
**Annotation:** Discusses policy in the Middle East and outlines the new U. S. policy based on short-term military and long-range economic objectives.
- Title:** *George F. Kennan: Policy-Guesser.*  
**Publication:** THE FREEMAN, February 25, 1952, p. 325-326.  
**Annotation:** An editorial on the appointment of George F. Kennan as Ambassador to Russia, quoting some of his statements on Russia and the Far East to show that just as earlier

experts failed to read **MEIN KAMPF**, Mr. Kennan has evidently failed to read the Soviet blueprint for world conquest which clearly defines the Russian strategy of destroying the West through the conquest of Asia.

- Title:** *Open Covenants.*
- Author:** Beer, Max.
- Publication:** UNITED NATIONS WORLD, March, 1952, p. 32.
- Annotation:** Lists the regional alliances to which almost every member nation of the UN belongs and points out that the UN program for collective security has been aided by these regional agreements.
- Title:** *Growth of NATO: From a Senate Resolution to the Lisbon Conference.*
- Author:** Reston, James.
- Publication:** THE NEW YORK TIMES, March 2, 1952, Section IV, p. E-5.
- Annotation:** Summarizes the history of NATO: the origin of the pact, obligations and accomplishments up to and including the Lisbon meeting.