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RESTRICTED**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:** *Maoism: A Source Book.* 142 p.
- Author:** Steiner, H. Arthur. Los Angeles University of California at Los Angeles, 1952.
- Evaluation:** This is a translation of documents and directives that control the Communist Party of Red China, which is at the same time a noteworthy resume of the development of that party. In the foreword the author succinctly states a problem that will become more important in the future: "Whether 'Maoism' is an ideological phenomenon distinguishable from Marxism-Leninism (or Stalinism) may very properly and profitably be debated, as it doubtless will." In the pages that follow, the carefully selected sections from the translations of the speeches, directives, and polemics of Mao Tse-tung not only answer that question but also give the essence of the philosophy that guides present-day China, which show the various states in the development of the Chinese Communist Party from its early, weak efforts to domination of the greatest section of the human race. Running through the selections are brief commentaries and notes by the author that provide a thread of continuity and background for the material that follows.

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This is a book that merits careful study by all those who would understand this potentially important factor in world affairs. Of particular interest to military personnel are page 20, "Our Correct Strategic Direction," in which Mao outlines his basic concepts for the strategic direction of a war, and page 87, "We Carried Out a Correct Strategic Line," in which he outlines his ten tactical military principles which led to his overwhelming victory over the forces of Chiang Kai-shek. Both merit careful study by military personnel. Finally, on page 139, a hint as to his future attitude toward the United States is given in his "Our Country is Unified as Never Before."

- Title:** *Europe Between Democracy and Anarchy.* 291 p.
Author: Hermans, F. A. Notre Dame, Indiana, University of Notre Dame, 1951.
Evaluation: The author explains the inner workings of European democracy, country by country, both before and after the last world conflict. He points out how democracy, as practiced by continental European countries, differs from that practiced by Great Britain and the United States. He explains why democracy has failed in Europe in the past and why it is doomed to failure again unless the public is educated. The fault lies in the voting system used in the election of governments, a system that permits minor parties to wield power out of all proportion to their strength and thereby makes a strong government practically an impossibility. The remedy, as the author sees it, is a political Marshall Plan. The book is well worth reading and will be of great value to anyone interested in the political workings of our NATO allies.

- Title:** *The World's 30 Greatest Women Spies.* 318 p.
Author: Singer, Kurt. N. Y., Wilfred Funk, 1951.
Evaluation: A review of some of the more prominent women spy cases from Mata Hari to the Bentley and Coplon cases. The first third of the book is devoted to the atomic bomb spy incidents of the past few years and is not limited to women spies. It gives not only a good picture of the operations of these spies, but also tells the story of their uncovering. Although slightly dramatized, the book is interesting and easy to read. It should prove to be of interest to anyone

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concerned with counter-intelligence and to those who wish to extend their knowledge of espionage and communist activities in this field.

Title: *The Peron Era.* 239 p.
Author: Alexander, Robert J. N. Y., Columbia University Press, 1951.

Evaluation: Provides a thorough and comprehensive analysis of the Argentina of Peron, and of the Perons themselves. It gives in considerable detail the political background for Peron's ascendancy to the Presidency in 1946 on a foundation of popularity with rank and file of labor; how he exploited his popularity to consolidate control over the unions, suppressed the opposition of labor leaders, press, universities and other elements to weld his regime into a virtual dictatorship. Peron's political aims at home, his efforts to enhance his influence abroad, and his relations with the U. S. lead to the conclusion that the U. S. faces the danger of a Peron-led bloc of totalitarian military dictatorships among the nations to the South. A thorough treatise, using material from sources not available to the average writer. The great amount of factual detail found in this book makes it excellent for reference purposes.

Title: *My Ringside Seat in Moscow.* 307 p.
Author: Nyardi, Nicholas. N. Y., Thomas Y. Crowell Co., 1952.

Evaluation: Relates the experiences of Dr. Nyaradi, the last non-communist Minister of Finance in post-war Hungary, in negotiating with the Russians in Moscow during 1947 and 1948. Safe now in the United States, he relates many interesting and some revealing incidences. The book also contains his views on such subjects as the Voice of America, relations with Tito, and the Russian Army. As the personal views of a Central European democrat, the book provides interesting reading and adds to the general knowledge of the ways of the Soviet leaders.

Title: *Political Role of the General Assembly.* 190 p.
Author: Haviland, H. Field. N. Y., Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 1951.

Evaluation: The political role of the General Assembly of the United

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Nations is traced by the author from the background of the experience of the League of Nations through the Dumbarton Oaks Proposals, the United Nations Conference at San Francisco in 1945 and the developments within the General Assembly during the first five years of its existence. Reviewed and evaluated are many political and organizational problems including the curtailment of diplomatic relations between member states and the Franco regime of Spain, the rights of Indians in the Union of South Africa, the violation of human and political rights in Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania, the disposition of the Italian colonies, the efforts to regulate armaments, the formation of the Interim Committee and the adoption of the Uniting for Peace Resolutions. Of particular value is the collection and review of the facts connected with the political issues described above and occurring in the years 1946-1951. Worthy of note, also, is the appendix which contains a chronological list of the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly during this five-year period pertaining to the specific situations discussed in the book.

- Title:** *American Crisis Diplomacy.* 160 p.
- Author:** Van Alstyne, Richard. Stanford, Stanford University Press, 1952.
- Evaluation:** Mr. Van Alstyne gives the political and diplomatic background of major U. S. foreign policy decisions. After tying the fundamental shifts of power resulting from World War I to World War II, he shows how the frictions in the relations of U. S. with Britain, Russia, Vichy, France and China were engendered. Finally, the author binds together the complicated international problems that have arisen since 1945, showing the interrelationship of issues in Western Europe, the Eastern Mediterranean, Middle East, and the Far East. A well-written, thought-provoking book.
- Title:** *David Beatty, Admiral of the Fleet.* 488 p.
- Author:** Chalmers, Rear Adm. W. S. London, Hodder & Stoughton, 1951.
- Evaluation:** This biography is based largely upon the letters, journals, and papers preserved by Admiral Beatty; additionally, the biographer, who served in HMS LION as an aide to Beatty during World War I, draws upon his personal experience

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with the Admiral, and upon the first-hand experience of other reliable sources. The book is, therefore, authentic. It sets forth in one volume the life of Beatty, and concomitantly includes some interesting accounts of World War I naval engagements—especially Jutland—and the surrender of the German High Seas Fleet. There are numerous letters of Beatty to his wife which shed much light on the nature of the man. The book is written in a readable style, is well illustrated with pictures and diagrams, and contains several appendices of valuable historical material.

Title: *Mobilizing Resources for War.* 284 p.
Author: Scitovsky, Tibor. N. Y., McGraw Hill Book Co., 1951.

Evaluation: The book is a proposal for the establishment of an economic program during mobilization. The first section indicates the points of stress in the U. S. economy and includes projections of the country's national income, employment level and war potential up to 1956. The second section is an analysis of World War II experience. In the third and last section, a new and somewhat unconventional program is proposed using expenditure rationing, forced savings, government control over consumer's budgets and rigorous controls over business financing. It is a well-written report on the subject, especially in its first two parts. The reader may differ with the author as to the political feasibility of some of the proposals in Part III.

Title: *The Marshall Story.* 344 p.
Author: Payne, Robert. N. Y., Prentice-Hall, 1951.

Evaluation: In the Marshall Story, Robert Payne has tried to be objective in every approach in his analysis of the character, achievements, and failures of the great American about whom he writes, George C. Marshall. The author attempts to show why he thinks that Marshall was "a failure as Ambassador to China and an unimpressive Secretary of State except in the role of harbinger of the Marshall Plan; why he was magnificent as Secretary of Defense and the greatest Chief of Staff the country ever possessed." The book is a worthwhile reference volume for those who want to know more about Marshall the man and the many problems which he faced in his selfless loyalty to his country in a variety of fields of endeavor.

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- Title: *What You Can Read in Russia.*
Author: Gordey, Michel.
Publication: HARPER'S, April, 1952, p. 77-84.
Annotation: Deals with the publishing activities of the Soviet state, discusses the quantity and quality of the books published and tells how total and unlimited control of written thought is exercised by the ideological administration which decrees the political line, size of the printing and the distribution of every type of literature.
- Title: *Offensive Partisan Warfare.*
Author: Metcalf, Lt. Col. George T.
Publication: MILITARY REVIEW, April, 1952, p. 53-61.
Annotation: Comments on the deficiency of training and understanding of the offensive capabilities and limitations of partisan warfare, using the situation in the Philippines during World War II to illustrate the growth and development of this type of warfare and discusses strategic and tactical employment of partisans.
- Title: *Spain: How Good an Ally?*
Author: Brewer, Sam Pope.
Publication: THE YALE REVIEW, Spring, 1952, p. 348-359.
Annotation: An analysis of Spain's military, economic and political status to determine whether or not she would be an effective ally of the Western powers.
- Title: *Capacity and Location of Soviet Aircraft Plants.*
Publication: AVIATION AGE, March, 1952. p. 6-17.
Annotation: A report on the economic background and locations of units of the Russian aircraft industry which gives estimates of the number of plants in operation for the Red Air Force and the number of aircraft produced in 1951. (Map showing geographical distribution of Soviet aircraft production, p. 12-13).

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- Title:** *If I Were Mao Tse-tung.*
- Author:** Hunter, Edward.
- Publication:** AMERICAN MERCURY, April, 1952, p. 39-48.
- Annotation:** Proposes that an appraisal of the situation in Asia through the eyes of the Chinese Communist leader might help to determine where we stand and could give us a basis for planning. It presents a summary of the situation as it would appear to him if he actually were Mao Tse-tung.
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- Title:** *The China Lobby.*
- Author:** Wertebaker, Charles.
- Publication:** THE REPORTER, April 15, 1952, p. 4-24 and April 29, 1952, p. 5-24.
- Annotation:** A series of articles giving the historical background and a description of what the lobby actually is and does. (Insert gives a chronological list of events in U. S.-China relations from 1937-52).
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- Title:** *New Threat—Soviet Navy.*
- Publication:** U. S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT, April 11, 1952, p. 37-39.
- Annotation:** Deals with the strength of Russian sea power, which is becoming a serious menace to the defense plans of the West.
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- Title:** *Text of Eisenhower's First Annual Report.*
- Publication:** THE NEW YORK TIMES, April 2, 1952, p. 14-15.
- Annotation:** Reprints the full text of General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower's first annual report as Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, in which he reviews progress and notes the needs of the Allied Powers in Europe.
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- Title:** *Scandinavia and Strategy in the Baltic.*
- Author:** Mehlem, Max.
- Publication:** SWISS REVIEW OF WORLD AFFAIRS, April 1952, p. 7-9. (Distributed by Univ. of Chicago Press \$5.00 per annum).

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Annotation: A discussion of the problems of Baltic strategy, especially as seen from Denmark and Sweden, in view of the strategic superiority the Soviet Union has been able to secure in this area since the end of World War II.

Title: *Guerrilla Warfare Under International Law.*

Author: Braun, Maj. R. L., U. S. M. C.

Publication: THE JAG JOURNAL, April, 1952, p. 3-9, 22-23.

Annotation: Discusses the status of guerrilla warfare prior to 1949 Geneva Conventions and explains the 1949 conventions that deal with the rights of irregular or guerrilla forces.

Title: *An American in Russia: 1850.*

Author: Kilpatrick, Carroll.

Publication: THE VIRGINIA QUARTERLY REVIEW, Spring, 1952, p. 183-190.

Annotation: Deals with State Department dispatches of Neill S. Brown, U. S. Minister to Russia 1850-1853, which contain information so pertinent to the Russia of today that George F. Kennan used one as his own several years ago, later reported that it was Brown's and recommended study of the other 1850 reports.

Title: *The Russian People.*

Author: Stevens, Vice Admiral Leslie C., U. S. N. (Ret.).

Publication: THE ATLANTIC, May, 1952, p. 27-33.

Annotation: An analysis of the traits and characteristics of the Russian people in an attempt to further our understanding of their actions.

Title: *Science and Scientists in Russia.*

Author: Rabinowitch, Eugene.

Publication: BULLETIN OF THE ATOMIC SCIENTISTS, March, 1952, p. 74-78.

Annotation: Takes a more balanced and informed view of what Russian science has to offer industry and the military.

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- Title:** *Russian Expansion and Exploration in the Pacific.*
- Author:** Sokol, A. E.
- Publication:** THE AMERICAN SLAVIC AND EAST EUROPEAN REVIEW, April, 1952, p. 85-105.
- Annotation:** Presents the known facts of Russian exploration, discovery and expansion in the Pacific region in order to provide a scale against which any Soviet claims in that region may be adjudged.
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- Title:** *Reflections on the War in the Pacific.*
- Author:** Wylie, Capt. J. C., Jr., U. S. N.
- Publication:** UNITED STATES NAVAL INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS, April, 1952, p. 351-361.
- Annotation:** The author, a member of the Naval War College staff, examines seven incidents of the war which can be the subject of reasonable differences of opinion with respect to one element or another of the strategy involved and which can be usefully studied for reference to some future situation.
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- Title:** *United States Submarines in the Blockade of Japan in the 1939-1945 War.*
- Author:** Goldingham, Maj. C. S.
- Publication:** JOURNAL OF THE ROYAL UNITED SERVICE INSTITUTION, February, 1952, p. 87-98.
- Annotation:** The first part of a study of the major part which U. S. submarines played in the blockade of Japan, prefaced by a brief review of Japan's economic position and military potential.
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- Title:** *Tito and the Western Democracies.*
- Author:** Fotitch, Constantin.
- Publication:** JOURNAL OF CENTRAL EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, January, 1952, p. 353-371.
- Annotation:** Examines the various aspects of Western collaboration with Tito, concludes that this policy has been a failure, suggests that the Western nations reconsider Yugoslavia's situation

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and inaugurate a policy that would not support "a dictatorial and corrupt communist regime."

- Title:** *Future Navy Air Role Shaped in Korea.*
Author: Jessup, A. W.
Publication: AVIATION WEEK, April 21, 1952, p. 18-30.
Annotation: Reports that operations of Banshees off carriers in Korean waters proves the value of seaborne jet types and provides data upon which to evaluate the U. S. Navy's arguments for the development of strong naval air striking forces.
- Title:** *Why Eisenhower's Forces Stopped at the Elbe.*
Author: Pogue, Forrest C.
Publication: WORLD POLITICS, April, 1952, p. 356-368.
Annotation: Examines the military steps that led to the decisions that governed Eisenhower's action, in order to show that the evidence points to the fact that the Supreme Commander sought a purely military solution to the problem.
- Title:** *Syria: A Lesson in Geopolitics.*
Author: Roucek, Joseph S.
Publication: CURRENT HISTORY, April, 1952, p. 221-226.
Annotation: Briefly surveys Syria's historical background and discusses current problems in view of her strategic importance as a link to three continents.