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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:** *Lincoln and His Generals.* 363 p.
- Author:** William, T. Harry. N. Y., Alfred A. Knopf, 1952.
- Evaluation:** *Lincoln and His Generals* is not a military history of the Civil War, but rather an excellent discussion of the top direction of the war. It reveals, vividly, problems which Lincoln faced in liquidating an antiquated command system which was fraught with personal and political influence of his top commanders, and the action he took to forge a modern command system. It reveals Lincoln as the supreme strategist of the Civil War and how, in spite of his occasional errors and fumbles, he eventually stood above all his generals. It does not discuss the Confederate commanders, nor many of the familiar Union commanders. But it does portray the shortcomings of the top Union commanders as strategists, over-all commanders and organizers; and it brings to life many of the generals whom Lincoln appointed to top command and then discarded when they failed, such as: McClelland, Pope, Burnside, Hooker, Buell, Rosecrans, Fremont, McClelland—and culminates with Grant, whom Lincoln trusted above all the rest and to whom he entrusted many of his great powers which he had previously withheld. The author looks at the Civil War and the actions of the top Union commanders as it un-

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folded before the eyes of Lincoln. He evaluates their actions and Lincoln's decisions by the standards of modern war. It is a fascinating story and is recommended to all who are interested in the problem of, and organization for, high command.

Title: *Back Door To War: The Roosevelt Foreign Policy, 1933-1941.* 690 p.

Author: Tansill, Charles C. Chicago, Henry Regnery Co., 1952.

Evaluation: This book is about the U. S. foreign policy during the period 1933 to 1941. It is a detailed history of the political maneuvering of the period with a chapter devoted to diplomatic background prior to the period covered. The main thesis of the book is that U. S. foreign policies were, in a great measure, responsible for bringing World War II on and that Roosevelt maneuvered the U. S. into it after it had gotten started. While an excellent piece of research, it suffers severely from a lack of objectivity, particularly toward Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Title: *America and the Mind of Europe.* 125 p.

Author: Galantiere, Lewis. N. Y., Library Publishers, 1952.

Evaluation: A small book, of 125 pages, composed of an introduction by the editor and reprints of nine articles, each by a different author. The articles were published originally in a special issue of the SATURDAY REVIEW OF LITERATURE. The book deals mainly with what Europeans are thinking about the United States on a number of subjects including morals, journalism, painting, music, literature, and political ideology. The authors are frank in their appraisals of the reaction of the cultured minds of Europe to the emergence of the U. S. as the leader of the Western world. The book is of particular value to military personnel because it so closely presents the ideological, sociological and cultural problems which are blocking more complete cooperation between the U. S. and Europe.

Title: *Naval Wars in the Levant, 1559-1853.* 619 p.

Author: Anderson, R. C. Princeton, Princeton University Press, 1952.

Evaluation: The scope of this volume is poorly defined by its title.

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It is a detailed account of naval action in all the navigable waters from Russia to Africa and throughout the Mediterranean, with emphasis on the Eastern Mediterranean during the period 1559-1853. The author, English president of the Society of Nautical Research, has performed an unusually complete research task and recorded his findings in a masterful war diary of the period. He has deliberately refrained from interpretation and strategical or tactical analysis, but his selection of facts exhibits throughout the entire book the problems of command relationships, logistics, overextended lines of communications, alliances, separate peacemaking, relationship of land and sea warfare, and planning, as well as more detailed operational problems of amphibious landings, advanced bases, concentration, exploitation, coordination of forces, escort, towing, gunnery, tactical training, mutual support, communications, intelligence, personnel, etc. The usually ragged efforts at combined operations during this period highlight the modern advances exemplified in Operation "Grand Slam". The book is too crammed with names, figures, and descriptions of things and events for easy reading, and contains only one map—an inadequate one of the Aegean. Place names given are related to the period described. These drawbacks are overcompensated by the general excellence of the reporting. This book deserves careful study by all students of naval history. With the aid of adequate maps it can provide a detailed knowledge of waters which are of high potential interest to all naval officers. It well illustrates the value of naval history in understanding the naval profession. Highly recommended for reading and for reference.

- Title:** *The Organizational Weapon: A Study of Bolshevik Strategy and Tactics.* 350 p.
- Author:** Selznick, Philip. N. Y., McGraw-Hill, 1952.
- Evaluation:** One of a series published as a result of the research undertaken by the Rand Corporation, this book basically has two objectives: (1) to analyze communist organization and organizational practices; (2) to provide an understanding of Bolshevik strategy and tactics. It concludes with a chapter on what could and should be done to offer a counter-offensive to communism in society. The book is well written and profusely annotated but unless the read-

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er is, or undertakes to become, familiar with sociological terms he will find it rather difficult to follow. Recommended for thesis reference or for those specifically interested in an explanation of communism by a sociologist.

- Title:** *The Voice of Asia.* 338 p.
- Author:** Michener, James A. N. Y., Random House, 1951.
- Evaluation:** An excellent and fast-moving book, written in a very readable style. In the form of dialogues involving fictitious persons, the author gives his impressions of what the thoughts of Asians are on the great religious and political problems, economic questions and social revolutions confronting that part of the world today. The conversations of the characters depicted represent a condensate of the thoughts and opinions of a cross section of those people of Asia not yet under communist domination. To obtain material for this book, the author visited most of the important cities of non-communist Asia and talked with many people in all walks of life. The author is a keen observer and apparently makes a sincere effort to present facts about Asia and its problems as he saw them.

- Title:** *War and Defense Economics.* 458 p.
- Author:** Backman, Jules. N. Y., Rinehart & Co., 1952.
- Evaluation:** In this volume the impact of the armament program upon the civilian economy is carefully measured. It covers the subjects of programming, production, strategic materials, agriculture, manpower, wage controls, inflation, fiscal and monetary policy, price controls, subsidies, consumer rationing and economic warfare. Special attention is paid to the current situation of producing armaments for limited war. Provides an excellent exposition of past experience coupled with constructive comment on our present attack on these problems.

- Title:** *The Enemy Within.* 314 p.
- Author:** de Jaegher, Raymond J. N. Y., Doubleday & Co., 1952
- Evaluation:** An eyewitness account of the communist conquest of China. The author describes the use of deceit, brutality and

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treachery by the communists to force a regime on the predominantly unwilling Chinese people. This book is a major contribution to an understanding of communist tactics and methods, and gives a graphic explanation of the fall of the Chinese Nationalist Government.

Title: *How To Keep Our Liberty.* 339 p.

Author: Moley, Raymond. N. Y., Alfred Knopf. 1952

Evaluation: This volume—a political tract in the finest sense of the word—outlines our heritage of principles upon which this country was founded, reveals the present public policies which promote the trend toward socialism and presents an alternative series of policies which would strengthen our heritage. Finally the author gives detailed directions for political action by citizen's groups including methods of organization and the technique of getting out votes. It is an outstanding exposition of the conservative point of view in American politics. Recommended reading for all persons who can expect at some time to participate in the political life of their individual communities.

Title: *Rag, Tag and Bobtail.* 519 p.

Author: Montross, Lynn. N. Y., Harper & Bros., 1952.

Evaluation: Covers the military operations of the American War of Independence. It is a monumental piece of research, utilizing as it does the diaries and letters of literally hundreds of officers and men. As a result, there emerges an entirely different picture of the time with such relatively unknown men as Nathaniel Greene, William Heath and Horatio Gates and others emerging as the real heroes, and Benedict Arnold as not only a despicable villain but a very mediocre military man. It is probably one of the most complete single sources on military operations in the American Revolution. The author's broad experience well qualifies him to analyze these operations, which he does brilliantly. His literary ability makes the book extremely readable.

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- Title:** *The Anatomy of Communism.* 197 p.
Author: Scott, Andrew M. N. Y., Philosophical Library, 1951.
Evaluation: The author, as suggested by the title, has conducted a probing analysis of the anatomy of communism as represented by the writings of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin. Basic concepts are extracted from these writings and then Dr. Scott matches them one against the other in search for contradiction and inconsistency. Those which survive are subjected to further study designed to prove or disprove their validity in the light of history or common sense. The author purposely has not covered the economic theories of communism in order to concentrate on the general area of the psychology of communism. While he has been painstaking in his efforts, the scope of the subject is so large, compared with the coverage, as to leave the impression that the book is well done but incomplete.

Periodicals

- Title:** *Brain Washing in Stalinist China.*
Author: Lew, Daniel Hong.
Publication: VITAL SPEECHES, June 1, 1952, p. 497-501.
Annotation: Tells how the Chinese communists successfully apply the technique of the Kremlin to exercise control through the paralysis of men's minds.
- Title:** *The Soviet Design for Conquest.*
Author: Moch, Jules.
Publication: UNITED NATIONS WORLD, June, 1952, p. 11-14.
Annotation: The former French Minister of the Interior, who fought communist attempts to seize power in France in 1947, summarizes Soviet methods of conquest.
- Title:** *Why Japan's Anti-Submarine Warfare Failed.*
Author: Oi, Atsushi.
Publication: UNITED STATES NAVAL INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS, June, 1952, p. 587-601.
Annotation: Asserts that Japan failed in anti-submarine warfare be-

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cause her navy disregarded the importance of the problem and substantiates this assertion by reviewing the strategic policies and operational organization of the navy in the Pacific war.

Title: *The Russian Doctrine.*
Author: Stevens, Leslie C., Vice Adm., U. S. N. (Ret.)
Publication: THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY, June, 1952, p. 55-59.
Annotation: A former Naval attache to Moscow analyzes the doctrine which the Kremlin has enforced.

Title: *Total Defense Without Inflation.*
Author: Baruch, Bernard M.
Publication: THE NEW LEADER, May 26, 1952, p. 2-4.
Annotation: An article adapted from a speech delivered at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces on the principles of mobilization.

Title: *Traitor Klaus Fuchs.*
Author: Moorehead, Alan.
Publication: THE SATURDAY EVENING POST, May 24, May 31, June 7 and June 14, 1952.
Annotation: A series of four articles telling why Fuchs betrayed the West and how he fooled security agents assigned to watch him.

Title: *Recent Soviet Writings on the Far East.*
Author: Ballis, William and Timmins, Emily.
Publication: PACIFIC AFFAIRS, March 1952, p. 59-76.
Annotation: Presents a review of selected books and pamphlets concerned with the Far East and published in the Soviet Union since 1945.

Title: *Behind Red China's Human Sea Tactics*
Author: Kai-yu, Hsu.
Publication: COMBAT FORCES JOURNAL, June, 1952, p. 14-18.
Annotation: Tells how clever propaganda is turning the non-political Chinese peasant into a fanatical revolutionary.

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- Title:** *Why Moscow Sabotages an Austrian Treaty.*
Author: Gedye, G. E. R.
Publication: THE NEW LEADER, May 19, 1952, p. 2-4.
Annotation: Explains why Russia continues to block all efforts to conclude a peace treaty with Austria by describing how the Soviets, on the basis of the Potsdam agreement, have drained the Austrian economy and provided the USSR with a rich source of industrial and raw materials.
- Title:** *A Policy of Boldness.*
Author: Dulles, John Foster.
Publication: LIFE, May 19, 1952, p. 146-160.
Annotation: Criticizes our present foreign policy as a negative one that will never stop the sustained offensive of communism and outlines a positive policy for the U. S. to follow in the role of leader of the free world.
- Title:** *Why We Are Doing So Badly in the Ideological War.*
Author: Gallup, George.
Publication: CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, May 5, 1952, p. A2806-A2809.
Annotation: Asserts that our civil and military leaders know little about this type of warfare employed so skillfully by Russia, cites the need for a modern Clausewitz to formulate the principles of this new kind of warfare and discusses basic facts that must be recognized by specialists in this field. (Also published in VITAL SPEECHES, June 1, 1952, p. 501-504).
- Title:** *Toward the Defense of Europe.*
Author: Fay, Sidney B.
Publication: CURRENT HISTORY, May, 1952, p. 257-264.
Annotations: An analysis of current developments in Germany and in West European defense.
- Title:** *Soviet Germany, I and II.*
Author: Loewenstein, Karl.
Publication: CURRENT HISTORY, May, 1952, p. 257-264; June, 1952, p. 334-339.
Annotations: Two articles which constitute a study of the governmental

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and socio-economic structure of Eastern Germany in order to appraise the prospects and potential consequences of a unified Germany.

- Title:** *Writings in Maritime History*, 1951.
- Author:** Albion, Robert Greenhalgh.
- Publication:** THE AMERICAN NEPTUNE, April, 1952,
p. 163-172.
- Annotations:** A bibliography of writings in English on all aspects of maritime history, including naval subjects, covering the year 1951. (A continuation of the bibliography covering 1945-1950 published in the January issue).
- Title:** *How Strong is Tito's Army?*
- Author:** Kadick, M. N., Lt. Col.
- Publication:** COMBAT FORCES JOURNAL, May 1952,
p. 35-39.
- Annotations:** An evaluation of Yugoslavia's military strength and of her economic situation under the Tito regime.
- Title:** *The Battle for Leyte Gulf.*
- Author:** Halsey, William F., Jr., Fleet Admiral, U.S.N.
(Ret.)
- Publication:** UNITED STATES NAVAL INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS, May, 1952, p. 487-495.
- Annotations:** A description of the battle as the author saw it develop, based on his log and his war diaries.
- Title:** *Russia and the Turkish Straits.*
- Author:** Williams, M. H.
- Publication:** UNITED STATES NAVAL INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS, May, 1952, p. 479-485.
- Annotations:** A study of the background of the "Straits Question," its role in history and its connection with the current "Cold War."

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**INFORMATION CONCERNING PERIODICALS LISTED
IN THIS ISSUE**

<u>Periodical</u>	<u>Subscription</u>	<u>Publisher</u>
The American Neptune (Quarterly)	\$5.00	The American Neptune, Inc. Salem, Massachusetts
The Atlantic Monthly	\$6.00	The Atlantic Monthly 8 Arlington Street, Boston, Massachusetts
Combat Forces Journal (Monthly)	\$5.00	Combat Forces Journal 1115-17th Street, N. W. Washington 6, D. C.
Congressional Record (Proceedings and de- bates published during Congressional sessions)	\$4.50 for 3 months	U. S. Government Printing Office Washington 6, D. C.
Current History (Monthly)	\$4.00	D. G. Redmond 108 Walnut Street, Philadelphia 6, Penna.
Life (Weekly)	\$6.00	Time, Inc. 330 East 22nd Street, Chicago, Illinois
New Leader (Weekly)	\$3.00	New Leader Publishing Association 7 East 15th Street, New York 3, New York
Pacific Affairs (Quarterly)	\$4.00	Institute of Pacific Relations 1 East 54th Street, New York 22, New York
Saturday Evening Post (Weekly)	\$6.00	Curtis Publishing Company Independence Square, Philadelphia 5, Penna.
United Nations World (Monthly)	\$4.00	United Nations World, Inc. 319 East 44th Street, New York 17, New York
United States Naval Institute Proceedings (Monthly)	\$5.00	U. S. Naval Institute Annapolis, Maryland
Vital Speeches (Semi-monthly)	\$5.00	City News Pulishing Company 38 West 42nd Street, New York 18, New York