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UNCLASSIFIED**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:** *Submarine!* 301 p.
- Author:** Beach, Edwin L., Cdr., U. S. N. N. Y., Henry Holt & Co., 1952.
- Evaluation:** The stories of the "Silent Service" and the part they played in World War II are few and have been much beloclouded for reasons of security. Commander Beach in his book does much to dispel this cloud with an exciting first-hand account of submarine wartime patrols. The author, who is well qualified having spent the war years from junior Ensign to commanding officer in submarines, gives an authentic description of these war patrols. The story of TRIGGER, in which the author served for three years from pre-commissioning until he was detached to command his own submarine, prior to her last patrol, is the main story. Interwoven with the story of TRIGGER are the stories of TANG, WAHOO, SEA WOLFE, HARDER and others which are based on patrol reports and through the author's style of writing are given life and realism. Each chapter is a vivid account of a combat action with the mental and physical suffering of the crews and the hardships they faced in making attacks on Jap ships and submarines. The stalking, maneuvering and attack by submarines and the feel of the "kill" is described by the author as well as the heartbreaks of the early years of the war when the "Newport-built" torpedoes failed to function properly. The sinking of a carrier apiece by sister subs on the same day, the sinking of the gigantic

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new Jap carrier SHINANO before she had launched a plane, the sinking of five destroyers in four days by one sub, are some of the high points that make this book exciting reading and well recommended as giving both personal satisfaction and professional knowledge.

- Title:** *Visa to Moscow.* 419 p.
- Author:** Gordey, Michel. N. Y., A. A. Knopf, 1952.
- Evaluation:** *Visa to Moscow* is an interesting and informative account of the Soviet Union from the people's level as told by Michel Gordey, a French reporter. He was allowed to wander about Moscow unattended and, being able to speak Russian fluently, he gathered a great deal of information firsthand. In addition, he made trips to other parts of Russia, saw the Russian way of life and portrays it as one rarely sees it. In a purely unbiased manner he tells of Russian life, habits, schooling and thoughts. He describes the theaters, law courts, galleries, battlefields, factories, massive reconstruction programs and the general state of affairs. No attempt is made to compare the Soviet system with others, which the author says would be to oversimplify. He gives credit to accomplishments of the Soviets and also shows their shortcomings. The book is well worth reading.

- Title:** *Africa—New Crisis in the Making.* 60 p.
Headline Series No. 91.
- Author:** Isaacs, Harold R. N. Y., Foreign Policy Association, 1952.
- Evaluation:** This sixty-page pamphlet can be digested in a few hours. The time taken for this reading may open up a whole new field for consideration by the thoughtful military and civilian planner. The author convincingly warns the Free World that Africa will inevitably be lost, as Asia has been, unless a completely new attitude and policy is promptly taken. He justifiably pleads for a better understanding of the problems of Africa on the part of the peoples of the non-communist nations. The pamphlet serves to spark an interest in Africa. The reader will want to know more of this vast continent and, for this purpose, a Suggested Reading List is provided. Recommended for reading by all officers and men of the military services.

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- Title:** *The United States and Spain.* 198 p.
- Author:** Hayes, Carlton J. H., N. Y., Sheed and Ward, 1951.
- Evaluation:** An account of the official relations between Spain and the United States and a history of Spain as it supports or influences these relations, written by the American Ambassador to Spain, 1941-45, and the Seth Low Professor of History (Emeritus) at Columbia University. If one ascribes to the "black or white" school of diplomacy, this book indicates sufficient areas of grayness so that one readily understands the controversies that still rage over the Franco regime in Spain. Mr. Hayes has unfortunately written with some bias in favor of Spain as a misunderstood country. Had he maintained his objectivity, any reader would have become aware of the misunderstandings. The case for Franco is best left to rest on realistic examination of our political and military needs today, until greater historical perspective or complete objectivity can present the final answer. Every prejudice known to the United States is involved in Spain, whether racial, religious or political, and every country aiding Spain, as well as Spain itself, followed a policy of such keen opportunism and "double entendre" that it is difficult to detect fact and assess reasons. One book on Spain should be read by every American today. Since the case against Franco and against Spain has been quite well documented, and since our policy is now becoming conciliatory and friendly, this book, prejudiced though it be, is recommended. Pages 83 to 172, covering the period 1931 to 1951, will set any reader thinking.

- Title:** *Counterfeit Revolution.* 272 p.
- Author:** Lens, Sidney. Boston, Beacon Press, 1952.
- Evaluation:** An up-to-date account of the background and growth of Stalinism to its present-day magnitude. The author traces the roots and explains the sources of current Soviet strength. He exposes the "two faces of Stalinism," its brutality and its fraudulent idealism and helps one understand how sincere, intelligent and capable individuals can be misled into joining and being a part of this tyranny. The little time required for the reading of this book will result in a better understanding of the problems confronting the Free World today.

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- Title:** *Stalin's Slave Camps.* 105 p.
- Author:** Orr, Charles A. Boston, Beacon Press, 1952.
- Evaluation:** This book has been prepared for the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions. Its purpose is to show the extent to which the USSR and its satellites have perverted their judicial and penal systems in furthering their aims, one, to suppress all opposition to the present regime; and, another to complete the conversion of Russia to an industrial power in the shortest time and at the lowest economic cost. The author accuses Stalin of accomplishing these aims by forced labor under sub-standard conditions. The book is not as factual as the reader is at first led to believe. The author quotes freely from various codes and laws in order to support his arguments. However, without his interpretation of them, many of them appear innocuous and as actual improvements in penal systems. The book does one important thing: it again brings home the long range aspect of the Russian revolution. Recommended for officers interested in Russian economic and labor conditions.
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- Title:** *What's the World Coming To?* 214 p.
- Author:** Low, A. M. Philadelphia, J. B. Lippincott Co., 1950.
- Evaluation:** An analysis of scientific developments for the next 100 years in such things as, atomic power plants, space travel, artificial hearts, electronic factories without workers, foods of the future, and other matters which appear fantastic now, but are no more so than present-day developments appeared 100 years ago. The chapter on "War in the Future" is of direct interest to all service officers as a look into the future of warfare by an eminent scientist who has an enviable reputation as a scientific prophet. The remainder of the volume is of minor value as background material for future developments in the realm of science.
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- Title:** *The German Army in the West.* 222 p.
- Author:** Westphal, General Siegfried. London, Cassell, 1951.
- Evaluation:** This is an objective, unemotional account of the operations of the German Army during World War II, written

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by General Siegfried Westphal, who served as Chief of Staff to Field Marshals Rommel, Kesselring, and Von Rundstedt. Part I of this book is devoted to general factors—such as the buildup of the army between the two World Wars, the role of the General Staff, and the gradual but finally complete assumption of army command by Hitler. Part II contains an analytical account of army operations in North Africa, Italy, and Western Europe—areas where General Westphal served for extended periods of time. The failures, successes, and difficulties encountered are well described. No attempt is made to record operations on the Eastern Front. The army's relationship with the navy, the air force, and with Hitler are discussed in much detail. Those who are interested in Germany's part in World War II will find this a fascinating book.

- Title:** *Cape Horn to the Pacific.* 154 p.
- Author:** Rydell, Raymond. Berkeley, University of California Press, 1952.
- Evaluation:** An account of the major role played by the Cape Horn Route in the development of the United States. The author recounts the importance of this tempestuous ocean highway during the days of the "Old China Trade," "The Whaling Industry," and "The Clipper Ship Era." In the time of the deep water sailing ships, the route around the Horn was an important but dangerous avenue to the Pacific. By the time steam vessels were sufficiently powered and sturdy enough to combat the elements off the tip of the continent on something like even grounds, the opening of the short route across the Isthmus of Panama had reduced its importance. *Cape Horn to the Pacific* is an excellent and brief history of the early development of the maritime industry of the United States and shows the major economic influences which affected its growth.
- Title:** *Panzer Leader.* 528 p.
- Author:** Guderian, General Heinz. London, Michael Joseph, 1952.
- Evaluation:** An account of General Guderian's part in creating and leading German armored forces in World War II which not only describes the important part played by German armored forces in World War II, but also gives a fascinat-

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ing account of the writer's relationship with Hitler. Guderian was one of the very few professional Prussian officers to whom Hitler would listen. His preferred status did not survive, however. In the long run he proved to be too outspoken and was sacked by Hitler. The Polish, French and Russian campaigns are reported in considerable detail, particularly with respect to the participation of armored formations. Full illustration of the written text is provided by means of sketch maps, diagrams, photographs, and operation orders. Panzer Leader will be of very real interest to the student of armored forces, and also to those who study the organization and methods of the Nazi dictatorship during World War II.

Title: *Battle Report—The War in Korea.* 498 p.
Author: Karig, Walter. N. Y., Rinehart & Co., Inc., 1952.

Evaluation: Covering the naval aspects of the Korean War from its beginning through the evacuation from Hungnam, this volume is written for popular consumption. As such, it is comparable to the first five volumes of this series on World War II and is generally excellent. From a professional point of view, however, it is not a very useful book. As can be expected, it is out of proportion in that it conveys the very definite impression that the principal determinants in the conduct of the Korean war in the early days were the U. S. Navy and the Marine Corps. Although it undertakes to give in general terms some of the considerations and problems which affected military decision, it gives the impression also that no naval or maritime commander ever made a mistake and that all obstacles were overcome handily. For those officers who were not in Korea during this period, it might be interesting from a personal point of view since it is well illustrated (photographs), names many familiar names and does give a graphic personalized account of naval and marine actions. These, in combination with classified sources of information, will make the war in Korea fairly familiar to those who were not there.

Title: *The Nazi Elite.* 112 p.
Author: Lerner, Daniel. Stanford, Hoover Institute, 1951.
Evaluation: A study of the dynamics of the Nazi movement prior to 1934, this volume is one of a series of studies by the

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Hoover Institute undertaking to describe what is called "the world revolution of our time." In this respect it is a most valuable contribution to the study of political science.

- Title:** *Canada and the United States.* 406 p.
- Author:** Keenleyside, Hugh and Brown, Gerald S. N. Y., Alfred Knopf, 1952.
- Evaluation:** A history of the political, economic, social and military contacts between Canada and the United States, from the American Revolution until the present. Some of the matters discussed are relations during the War of the Revolution and the War of 1812, boundary disputes, fisheries controversies, tariffs, trade agreements, immigration and emigration, and effects of World Wars I and II. It appears to be well written. The authors present with balance and fairness the various controversial issues that have occupied the attention of American and Canadian statesmen in times past. They conclude with the observation that future relations of Canada and the United States should be characterized by a growing intimacy and understanding, an increased cooperation, and a mutual respect. A selected bibliography is appended.

- Title:** *Red Dust.* 238 p.
- Author:** Wales, Nym. Stanford, Stanford University Press, 1952.
- Evaluation:** A collection of the autobiographies of twenty-four Chinese communists with summaries and notes by the author. Unfortunately, the period covered ends in 1937 and the influence of these individuals on the present situation can only be surmised. However, a review of their lives and activities provides a significant, and somewhat amazing, background for evaluating the Chinese Communist Government as we know it today. The various studies contain some interesting sidelights on the early struggles between the Chinese communists and the Kuomintang.

- Title:** *Sea and Its Mysteries.* 261 p.
- Author:** Colman, John S. N. Y., W. W. Norton, 1950.
- Evaluation:** Covers in very readable style the accepted scientific theories about the formation of the oceans and describes

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the peculiarities of ocean currents. It discusses the various forms of life found in the sea and the methods used in modern oceanographic research. The explanation of the ocean currents and thermal layers in the sea is of value in the understanding of sonar conditions.

- Title:** *Moscow, Tokyo, London.* 270 p.
- Author:** von Dirksen, Herbert. Norman, University of Oklahoma Press, 1952.
- Evaluation:** The memoirs of a former German career diplomat, covering chiefly his services as German Ambassador in Moscow, Tokyo, and London, as well as in the Foreign Office in Berlin during the critical years 1919 to 1939. It gives an inside view of the handling of problems in German foreign affairs immediately following World War I and the gradual development of an aggressive policy under the influence of the Nazi Party leading up to World War II. The author is straightforward and offers no apologies. His opinions as to what might have been done to avoid catastrophe are convincing. Though interestingly written with personal anecdotes of interviews with Hitler, Ribbentrop, and other Nazi bigwigs, the book is chiefly of interest as an historical document.

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- Title:** *Inside CIA: The Story of Our Spy Network.*
- Author:** Gunther, John.
- Publication:** LOOK, August 12, 1952, p. 25-29.
- Annotation:** Presents the publishable facts on the Central Intelligence Agency and its associated agency, the Psychological Strategy Board, of which Admiral Kirk has recently been appointed Director.
- Title:** *The Baltic: Russian Bottle With a Swedish Cork.*
- Author:** Hessler, William H.
- Publication:** THE REPORTER, August 19, 1952, p. 21-24.
- Annotation:** Calls attention to the vulnerability of the Baltic area, which forms the northern flank of the NATO defensive

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system and which has been enveloped by the Soviet Union.

Title: *Red Spy Masters in America.*

Author: Hoover, J. Edgar.

Publication: READER'S DIGEST, August, 1952, p. 83-87.

Annotation: The head of the FBI reports on Soviet espionage activities in the United States.

Title: *The Soviet Air Debt to Germany.*

Author: Lee, Asher.

Publication: AIR UNIVERSITY QUARTERLY, Spring, 1952, p. 3-16.

Annotation: Discusses the lessons learned by the Russian Air Force from Germany during World War II.

Title: *Trial by Ice.*

Author: Metzger, Lt. Col. L., Oppenheimer, Lt. Col. H. L., and Price, Lt. Cdr. O. W.

Publication: MARINE CORPS GAZETTE, August, 1952, p. 44-53.

Annotation: Deals with problems of amphibious warfare in arctic areas in view of preparedness of the Marine Corps for such operations.

Title: *The Escape of the Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Prinz Eugen.*

Author: Warne, J. D., Wing Commander.

Publication: JOURNAL OF THE ROYAL UNITED SERVICE INSTITUTION, May, 1952, p. 201-205.

Annotation: An appraisal of the factors involved in the passage of the German ships up the English Channel in February, 1942, and the failure of the British to stop them.

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- Title:** *Creating Situations of Strength.*
- Author:** Bohlen, Charles E.
- Publication:** THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE BULLETIN,
August 4, 1952, p. 167-171.
- Annotation:** Text of an address on the characteristics of American foreign policy and how it operates to create situations of strength on behalf of the Free World.
- Title:** *The Crisis in Raw Materials.*
- Publication:** FORTUNE, August, 1952, p. 114-117, 160-170.
- Annotation:** Gives briefly the essence of the report on natural resources by the President's Materials Policy Commission, informally known as the Paley Commission after its chairman, William S. Paley.
- Title:** *The National Interest—Alone or With Others?*
- Publication:** THE ANNALS OF THE AMERICAN
ACADEMY OF POLITICAL AND
SOCIAL SCIENCE, July, 1952.
- Annotation:** This issue, devoted to a discussion on the concepts of the national interest of the United States, presents a wide divergence of views on the subject by such authorities as: Hans J. Morgenthau, Joseph C. Harsch, C. B. Marshall, and others representing the six continents of the world.
- Title:** *The Balance of Power versus the Coordinate State.*
- Author:** Tannenbaum, Frank.
- Publication:** POLITICAL SCIENCE QUARTERLY,
June, 1952, p. 173-197.
- Annotation:** An essay on the American philosophy of international relations written in view of the current debate on the character and purpose of American foreign policy, precipitated by the advocates (including such men as Professor Morgenthau and George F. Kennan) of the doctrine of power politics as the basis of our foreign policy.

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Title: *Danger Spots in the Pattern of American Security.*

Author: Dennett, Raymond.

Publication: WORLD POLITICS, July, 1952, p. 447-467.

Annotation: Analyzes the weaknesses in the system of regional alliances built up by the U. S. to deter Soviet aggression, discusses the problems which the U. S. will face in the future, and offers suggestions for supplementing the current program for the development of American security in future years.

Title: *Practical Aids to Logistics Planning.*

Author: Jordan, Herbert A., Lt. Col.

Publication: MILITARY REVIEW, June, 1952, p. 34-48.

Annotation: Points out a few principles and short cuts successfully applied in past planning operations and which can be modified for development of future plans.

Title: *The Protection of Commerce in War.*

Author: Anderson, Bern, Rear Admiral, U. S. N. (Ret.).

Publication: UNITED STATES NAVAL INSTITUTE
PROCEEDINGS, August, 1952, p. 881-887.

Annotation: A discussion of the effect of wars upon merchant shipping and the strategic importance of protecting this commerce today.

Title: *The Need for a National Staff.*

Authors: Reinhardt, George C., Col., U. S. A. and
Kintner, William R., Lt. Col., U. S. A.

Publication: UNITED STATES NAVAL INSTITUTE
PROCEEDINGS, July, 1952, p. 721-727.

Annotation: Argues in favor of the formation of a national staff to assist the President in the command and coordination of our total foreign affairs program and to supervise the execution of a total national strategy in time of war.

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- Title:** *Counter Strategies in the Cold War.*
Author: Mitchell, Donald W.
Publication: CURRENT HISTORY, July, 1952, p. 7-12.
Annotation: A survey and an appraisal of the progress made in building up America's military strength since the outbreak of the Korean war.
- Title:** *Consumers Union: A Red Front.*
Author: Farrar, Larston D.
Publication: THE FREEMAN, July 28, 1952, p. 726-728.
Annotation: Asserts that the Consumers Union of the U. S., Inc., publishers of CONSUMER REPORTS, is one of the most effective communist fronts in the U. S., and that its aim is to help destroy our system of private enterprise.
- Title:** *How We're Losing the All-Asia War.*
Author: Hunter, Edward.
Publication: THE NEW LEADER, August 11, 1952, p. 2-5.
Annotation: Contends that Asia is all one front to the communists and that they are winning the war by capitalizing on Western mistakes.
- Title:** *My Battle Inside the Korean Truce Tent.*
Author: Joy, Charles Turner, Vice Admiral, U. S. N.
Publication: COLLIER'S, August 16, 1952, p. 36-43; August 23, p. 26-31 and August 30, p. 70-73.
Annotation: The former senior UN delegate to the Korean truce talks, reports on his experiences at Kaesong and Panmunjom.
- Title:** *Iran: Crossroads for Conquest.*
Publication: U. S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, August 22, 1952, p. 40.
Annotation: Notes that strategy, not oil, is beginning to dominate Western policy toward Iran and points out the reason for this change.

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Title: *Organizing Europe: Dissenting Opinions.*
Author: Spencer, Arthur.
Publication: FOREIGN AFFAIRS, July, 1952, p. 531-553.
Annotation: Two articles: the first, "Germany and Europe" by an official of the Social Democratic Party of Germany and, the second, "France and Europe" by a disciple of General de Gaulle, present conflicting views on the problem of European organization.

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