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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:** *Journey to the Far Pacific.* 335 p.
- Author:** Dewey, Thomas E. Garden City, Doubleday, 1952.
- Evaluation:** Governor Dewey has written an interesting and lucid account of his trip to the far Pacific. His analysis of the current situation in the important spots in the Far East gives the reader much food for thought. The appraisals of the various leaders in the area, their estimates of the current situation, and the need for stabilizing the complex racial, political, and historical aspects of this ever-boiling part of the globe, are well developed. This volume is well worth reading and becomes particularly interesting if read in conjunction with Justice Douglas' book, *Strange Lands and Friendly People*, which was published last year and covers significant aspects of the other half of Asia, the Middle East.
- Title:** *World Wars and Revolutions.* 531 p.
- Author:** Hall, Walter P. N. Y., Appleton-Century-Crofts, 1952.
- Evaluation:** A succinct account of the history of wars and revolutions during the first fifty years of the twentieth century, in-

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cluding political, economic and geographic factors that have occasioned these conflicts. Necessarily brief in its touching on events, places and people, its chief value lies in its tying together of these factors in one continuous stream, coherent and easy to read.

Title: *The Defense of Western Europe.* 313 p.
Author: Middleton, Drew. N. Y., Appleton-Century-Crofts, 1952.

Evaluation: The head of the European Bureau of THE NEW YORK TIMES, a trained observer with long experience on the European scene and access to General Eisenhower and the SHAPE Staff, here offers an analysis of NATO's military program. He enumerates the forces available as of early 1952, their state of readiness, and the planned build-up. More important than the factual information, which is, of course, available from official sources, is his discussion of the intangible factors which must be considered when evaluating the program's effectiveness in attempting to deter Russia from starting a war, or in defeating her, should that attempt fail. The will of the various European nations to fight is discussed in the light of 'neutralism,' economic conditions, and the multiple facets of the European situation in general which have made NATO's progress so slow. The author's outlook is a rather hopeful one, an attitude hardly supported by the evidence adduced. The points which he lists in our favor carry too many qualifications to be treated virtually as strength factors. Despite its questionable conclusions, the book is, nevertheless, highly recommended because in one package it offers a very reasonable and complete exposition of today's situation in Western Europe.

Title: *The Irony of American History.* 174 p.
Author: Niebuhr, Reinhold. N. Y., Charles Scribners' Sons, 1952.

Evaluation: In this small volume, one of America's leading theologians and philosophers attempts to analyze our present world position in the light of our historic hopes. The result, as Reinhold Niebuhr sees it, is one of ironic contrasts between these historic hopes and the realities of our present position. The lessons these ironic contrasts should

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serve, according to the author, are a greater awareness of our own limitations, a keener appreciation of the meaning of the contemporary struggle which transcends the political contingencies of the moment, and a renewed attempt to view our own actions with a sense of humility. That these lessons can be learned only through the Christian interpretation of history is at once the insistent claim of Dr. Niebuhr and the source of controversy among those who otherwise agree with his analysis. Recommended for those with a special interest in the philosophical problems to which the contemporary world situation has given rise.

Title: *Whither Europe?* 207 p.
Author: Bonn, M. J. N. Y., Philosophical Library, 1952.
Evaluation: This is a timely and important book in the field of international affairs. Dr. M. J. Bonn focuses attention on the question of knitting Europe into a tighter organization—a subject of high interest at this time. He concludes that whatever its ultimate shape will be, it will be a Union of Nations, and it will certainly not be a “Little America”—a soulless copy of the great United States’ original. Recommended reading for all officers.

Title: *Red Flag in Japan.* 252 p.
Author: Swearingen, Rodger and Langer, Paul. Cambridge, Harvard University Press, 1952.
Evaluation: A factual study of the Communist Party in Japan during the period 1919-1951. It ties Japanese communism in with international communism and presents a broad general picture of world communism during the above period, slanted at the Japanese theater. The first third of the book covers the pre-war and wartime period; the latter two-thirds, the post-war period. Detailed coverage is given on party structure, policies, and activities—both legal and underground.

Title: *The United States and the Far East. 1945-1951.* 144 p.
Author: Vinacke, Harold M. Stanford, Stanford University Press, 1952.
Evaluation: The author presents a concise factual account of U. S. policy in the Far East from 1945 to the end of 1951.

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Every eventful occurrence in this vitally important area of the globe is carefully and impartially analyzed in such a manner as to make this extremely complex situation appear amazingly clear.

- Title:** *Resources for Freedom.* 5 vols.
- Author:** President's Materials Resources Commission, Washington, U. S. Govt. Printing Office, 1952.
- Evaluation:** *Resources for Freedom* comprises a study of the material problem of the United States from the broader and longer range aspects as distinct from its immediate defense needs. It is an objective inquiry into all major aspects of the problem of assuring an adequate supply of production materials for our long range needs, giving due regard to the needs and resources of the nations with which the United States is cooperating closely on military security and economic matters. Time-wise, the coverage is from 1952 until 1975. It consists of five volumes, namely: *Foundations for Growth and Security; The Outlook for Key Commodities; The Outlook for Energy Sources; The Promise of Technology; Selected Reports to the Commission.* It is an excellent compendium of up-to-date studies of the free world's material requirements for the next twenty-five years—a unique reference of objective nature. Its broad conclusions appear to be that we are growing so fast and using so much material that there are not adequate raw material supplies in the United States to meet our needs at low cost. If we do not increase supply sources at home and abroad, costs will go up, our growth will be decelerated, our standard of living will drop, our military structure will weaken. It concludes that we are currently in a state of emergency in regard to our material resource deficiencies, rather than in a crisis. The latter will come, however, unless adequate and timely steps, as recommended in the report, are taken.

- Title:** *Across to Norway.* 286 p.
- Author:** Howarth, David. N. Y., William Sloane Assoc., 1952.
- Evaluation:** A true narrative (somewhat self-consciously written) of the operations of about a hundred Norwegians, and a few fishing boats, who kept lines of communication open

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between agents in Norway and Shetland Islands during World War II. Arms, explosive, radio equipment, etc., were smuggled into Norway, and numerous Norwegians were evacuated. It makes interesting reading for those interested in the exploits of the underground in Norway. This minor operation of a small number of men and boats caused the Germans to increase patrols on the coast and off the coast of Norway.

Title: *Major Problems of United States Foreign Policy, 1952-53.* 413 p.

Author: Brookings Institution, Washington, D. C., 1952.

Evaluation: This volume treats, largely from an American viewpoint, the foreign policy programs facing the government of the United States as of 30 June, 1952. Against a backdrop of the current domestic and world situation, the United States' political, economic, and military security problems are treated in general terms and then in relation to the specially conditioned geographical areas of the world. A "problem paper" on raw materials and national policy concludes the text. An appendix, containing the definition of terms frequently encountered in foreign policy discussions, is extremely useful. The selected references in each chapter and the bibliography at the end give extensive sources of additional information on current problems. This volume is an exposition of the foreign policy problems and the alternate courses of action which may be followed. It is a group product. It is neutral and objective. It does not give a recommended course of action—leaving the decision to the policy-maker, policy-implementor, or student of foreign policy.

Periodicals

Title: *The Aircraft Carrier.*

Author: Fechteler, William M., Admiral, U. S. N.

Publication: ORDNANCE, September-October, 1952, p. 300-304.

Annotation: Explains in detail what our carrier requirements are and the justification thereof and deals with the reasons for building more Forrestal class ships.

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- Title:** *Amphibious Infiltration.*
Author: Aldridge, Frederick S., Lieutenant Colonel.
Publication: MARINE CORPS GAZETTE, September, 1952, p. 36-40.
Annotation: An article of interest to any student of the "shallow water" concept of future naval tactics.
- Title:** *The Coldest Cold War.*
Author: Wilson, Gill Robb.
Publication: FLYING, October, 1952, p. 10-11, 56-57.
Annotation: Sketches the program of Arctic activity being carried on by the United States to gain knowledge of this strategic area.
- Title:** *A New Look at the Atomic Bomb.*
Author: Fuller, J. F. C., Major General.
Publication: ORDNANCE, September-October, 1952, p. 242-246.
Annotation: A discussion of the various aspects of atomic warfare which is particularly interesting in its discussion of the psychological effects of, and the politico-diplomatic changes caused by, atomic weapons.
- Title:** *Neutralism in France.*
Publication: INTELLIGENCE DIGEST, September, 1952, p. 11-15.
Annotation: An analysis of the forces at work in France which create grave doubts as to her future role in the Atlantic alliance.
- Title:** *Authority of Commanding Officers Over Persons Embarked in Naval Vessels.*
Author: Chapman, D. D., Commander, U. S. N.
Publication: JAG JOURNAL, August, 1952, p. 10-14.
Annotation: Discusses current provisions of U. S. Navy Regulations and Uniform Code of Military Justice as they apply to

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various categories of persons, who may be embarked when the ship is outside the jurisdiction of a state or federal court.

Title: *U. S. Navy Men Work on NATO Team.*
Publication: ALL HANDS, September, 1952, p. 31-35.
Annotation: Points out the important role played by the U. S. Navy in NATO and briefly explains its purpose and organization. (Chart of Allied Command, Europe, p. 32-33).

Title: *The Race for Stalin's Throne.*
Author: Dallin, David J.
Publication: THE NEW LEADER, September 8, 1952, p. 7-9.
Annotation: An account of the struggle for power behind the scenes in the Kremlin in which Molotov, Malenkov and Beria have emerged as the chief contenders for succession to Stalin's place.

Title: *Stalin's Secret War Plans.*
Author: Markoff, Alexei, General.
Publication: SATURDAY EVENING POST, September 20, 1952, p. 36-37, 86-90.
Annotation: Discloses information about Soviet war plans of which the author claims knowledge from his experience as a member of the Red Army General Staff.

Title: *Sea Power of Tomorrow.*
Author: Miller, George H., Captain, U. S. N.
Publication: UNITED STATES NAVAL INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS, September, 1952, p. 959-968.
Annotation: Defines the term, examines the elements of sea power, considers the influence of the airplane on it and concludes that the development of American sea power is of vital importance to national security.

Title: *Sonar - Underwater Electronics.*
Author: Richards, A. P.
Publication: SHIPMATE, September, 1952, p. 5, 7, 15, 42.
Annotation: Reviews the history of sonar, discusses recent develop-

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