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**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:** *Portrait of an Admiral; the Life and Papers of Sir Herbert Richmond.* 399 p.

**Author:** Marder, Arthur J. London, Jonathan Cape, 1952.

**Evaluation:** The private papers of a famous British Naval Officer, student, and writer. Richmond gives a behind-the-scenes look at the British civil and naval leaders during World War I, and analyzes their decisions and actions. Many little-known facts, often contrary to the familiar histories, and his liberally spiced opinions and philosophies make this a highly readable and educational book. To anyone who has ever had the antennae of his energies bent or broken off against the blockhouse of conservatism and inertia this volume can, in the words of C. Alphonso Smith, "give you an outlet." Recommended study for any officer who hopes some day to hoist a flag. Of particular interest to War College officers are his views on Naval officer education.

**Title:** *The American Record in the Far East.* . 208 p.

**Author:** Latourette, Kenneth S. N. Y., Macmillan Co. 1952

**Evaluation:** This short volume is a review, in the nature of an essay, of the officially recorded events in the Far East in which

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the U. S. had an interest and played a part from 1945 to 1951. The author, an historian and teacher, specializing in Far Eastern affairs for a generation, makes an objective analysis of the reasons for American interest and involvement in the area and offers an unbiased evaluation of American policy there, making no pretense at completeness of coverage or finality of judgment. Those who desire to make a quick comprehensive survey of U. S. interests and actions in the Far East in their main outlines will find this a useful, understandable, and objective guide.

- Title:** *American Foreign Policy and the Separation of Powers.* 235 p.
- Author:** Cheever, Daniel S., and Haviland, H. Field, Cambridge, Harvard University Press, 1952.
- Evaluation:** Written by two members of the Foreign Affairs Task Force of the Hoover Commission, this book deals mainly with the problems of evolving foreign policy under our system of government, where "the United States sometimes speaks with more than one voice in world affairs" because of legislative-executive overlap, friction and general lack of cooperation. The history of foreign policy procedures are traced beginning with the period of "Presidential Initiative 1789-1829" through "Congressional Supremacy 1829-1898" to the period of "Increasing Authority of the Chief Executive (1898 to present)." Many sensible recommendations are made for improving governmental procedures for foreign policy evolution. This book presents a good analysis of a little-known phase of our problems in foreign policy. By discussing personalities involved in formation of foreign policy throughout the country's history, and by the use of numerous specific examples, the authors have produced a lively and interesting volume. It fills a need in the foreign policy field, by discussing not only **what** the policies have been, but also **why** they have been so. Recommended as an aid in understanding some of the reasons behind the foreign policies of the U. S.
- Title:** *Soviet Atomic Spies.* 239 p.
- Author:** Newman, Bernard. London, Robert Hale, 1952.
- Evaluation:** Bernard Newman in his book takes the wraps off the Soviet spy system. He points out that Soviet spies are not in the

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old tradition, but are fellow countrymen, suborned to foreign loyalty, who are legally and morally traitors. Their work is directed by Russian officials. A Soviet intelligence order declares that "agents must be of the intelligentsia," and this is especially true when applied to atomic espionage. Mr. Newman further points out the weaknesses in our security system and enumerates the steps that have been suggested for combatting the spy menace. The case histories of known atomic spies and the workings of the spy system are of particular interest.

- Author:** *This Age of Global Strife.* 442 p.
- Title:** Harrison, J. B. N. Y., Lippincott, 1952.
- Evaluation:** A historical account of major world events from the rise of Germany through World War I, World War II, the Cold War to the entry of the Chinese into Korean War. It is very well written in an informal style. Slanted more to the undergraduate than to the student of world affairs, it provides a quick refresher course in world affairs.
- Title:** *Boxcars in the Sky.* 282 p.
- Author:** Malkin, Richard. N. Y., Import Publications, 1951.
- Evaluation:** A book covering the subject of air cargo in all its aspects—military and commercial, in war and in peace, by a writer well versed in the subject. It contains many references of value to the military person on the capabilities of air cargo, past, present and future.
- Title:** *The Ocean River.* 322 p.
- Author:** Chapin, Henry and Smith, F. G. W. N. Y., Charles Scribner's Sons, 1952.
- Evaluation:** The Ocean River refers to the great ocean current system of the North Atlantic Ocean. The geographical origin of the basin of the North Atlantic and the giant streams within it, is followed by a vivid description of the development of the different ages of living creatures which have been so vitally influenced by this ocean. Many fascinating digressions into historical events occurring on the Atlantic are used to illustrate the slow awakening of man's

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realization of the true nature of the oceanography and climate and their profound effects on the course of civilization and history. The book is recommended to those interested in exploring the effects of natural causes on the politics and economies of the Western World.

- Title:** *The White Rabbit.* 262 p.
- Author:** Marshall, Bruce. London, Evans Brothers, 1952.
- Evaluation:** Experiences of Wing Commander Yeo-Thomas, RAF, during his missions to occupied France and as a prisoner in Buchenwald during World War II, as told to Bruce Marshall. Yeo-Thomas is a British subject who spent the greater part of his life in France. During World War II, he was assigned to the Special Operations Organization and became one of the leading figures in the direction and support of the Maquis and other resistance elements in occupied France. The greater part of the book is devoted to his missions in France, his dealings with the various resistance groups, his countless narrow escapes from the Gestapo, and finally his capture, torture and imprisonment in Buchenwald. His description of the difficulties in dealing with the Communist resistance elements in France and, later, with the Communist prisoners in Buchenwald, is of considerable interest. The story carries a strong note of authenticity; it is graphically written and fascinating throughout.

- Title:** *Transportation: Principles and Problems.* 710 p.
- Author:** Bigham, Truman C., and Roberts, Merrill J. N. Y., McGraw Hill, 1952.
- Evaluation:** This textbook covers the subject of commercial transportation in an exhaustive fashion, treating all its facets and problems. It includes, within its scopes, rail, highway, water, pipeline and air transportation. It is excellent for the study of transportation economics at the university level and is a very fine information source for military traffic management personnel. Very valuable for reference use for students of transportation who are interested in a basic text covering all phases of the subject.

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- Title:** *Germany in Power and Eclipse.* 661 p.
- Author:** Pollock, James K., and Thomas, Homer. N. Y., Van Nostrand, 1952.
- Evaluation:** This is a handbook of information on Germany down to the beginning of World War II. It contains extensive data on geography and people, history, and economic and political institutions. These subjects receive consideration as they relate to the whole of Germany in the first third of the book, and in the remainder the major geographic sections and the individual states are covered in the same comprehensive manner. Presenting in concise, factual fashion a great deal of basic reference material, this should be a useful reference book for many purposes. It was prepared under the auspices of the University of Michigan during World War II for the use of the State Department and the armed Forces. Since the war it has been revised and reorganized. It represents the work of established scholars, tested by an appreciable period of time and use. Probably few people will be moved to read this book from cover to cover, although it is well written in an attractive style. Its greatest value, however, should be for reference, and here it appears to have considerable importance, especially as background for Global Strategy Studies and other similar work.

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- Title:** *Soviet Black Sea Airbases.*
- Publication:** AVIATION AGE, September, 1952, p. 25-27.
- Annotation:** Presents information on the Black Sea bases which could be used in the event of war to start and sustain a surge down to the Abadan oil region. (Maps and charts).
- Title:** *Seapower's Sunday Punch.*
- Author:** Floberg, John F., Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Air.
- Publication:** COLLIER'S, October 4, 1952, p. 18-21.
- Annotation:** Emphasizes the importance to national defense of naval air power and contains a prediction on the role of atomic power carriers. (Map showing areas supplying raw materials needed by U. S., p. 21.).

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- Title:** *Government and Party in the Soviet Union.*
- Author:** Jollos, Waldemar.
- Publication:** SWISS REVIEW OF WORLD AFFAIRS, October, 1952, p. 11-13.
- Annotation:** Asserts that the real secret of the Party Congress may be found in the changes of the Party statute rather than in the selection of a successor to Stalin.
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- Title:** *Evolution of American Diplomacy.*
- Author:** Harlow, W. McG.
- Publication:** FOREIGN SERVICE JOURNAL, September, 1952, p. 19-22, 52-63.
- Annotation:** Traces the history and development of the American foreign service from its pre-revolutionary beginnings to the present.
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- Title:** *Greenland and the World Around.*
- Author:** Teal, John J., Jr.
- Publication:** FOREIGN AFFAIRS, October, 1952, p. 128-141.
- Annotation:** Presents background information on this strategic area, that is of particular interest in view of the recent establishment of a huge American airbase at Thule.
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- Title:** *The Jet Stream.*
- Author:** Namias, Jerome.
- Publication:** SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN, October, 1952, p. 27-31.
- Annotation:** Attempts an explanation of upper air currents, 30,000 to above 50,000 feet, whose characteristics are those of "rivers of air" travelling at speeds as fast as 300 m. p. h. Of interest to aviators and weather specialists, written by the Chief of the Extended Forecast System of the U. S. Weather Bureau.

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- Title:** *Civil Control of Military Power: Dogma vs. Reality.*
- Author:** Wiener, Frederick B., Colonel.
- Publication:** UNITED STATES ARMY COMBAT FORCES JOURNAL, October, 1952, p. 17-21, 39.
- Annotation:** An assertion that the dogmatic subordination of military power to civil control is, in many respects, blind and unreal.
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- Title:** *Russia Can Be Hit from Two Seas.*
- Author:** U. S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, September 26, 1952. p. 13-15.
- Annotation:** Explains how naval task forces can attack the heart of Soviet Russia and points out the lessons Exercise "Mainbrace" holds for the Russians.
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- Title:** *Psychological Warfare.*
- Author:** Crossman, R. H. S.
- Publication:** JOURNAL OF THE ROYAL UNITED SERVICE INSTITUTION, August, 1952, p. 319-332.
- Annotation:** An informal and lucid lecture by a man who has had probably more practical experience in applied psychological warfare than anyone else.
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- Title:** *A New Red Naval Doctrine in the Making?*
- Author:** Shafter, Richard A.
- Publication:** UNITED STATES NAVAL INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS, October, 1952, p. 1091-1098.
- Annotation:** Describes the role of the Russian Navy in the past and discusses the change in strategic thinking which has resulted in changing the Red Navy from a "Fortress Fleet" to an offensive "Fleet in Being."
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- Title:** *How Russian Submarines Could Hit U. S.*
- Publication:** U. S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, October 3, 1952, p. 36-37.
- Annotation:** A map of the U. S. illustrates how guided missiles launched from Soviet subs, could strike vital areas.



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- Title:** *Sweden—Closer to U. S. Now.*
- Publication:** U. S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, October 3, 1952, p. 46-49.
- Annotation:** Notes that while Sweden maintains a neutral position, sentiment is shifting toward the Western nations and her defense program is considered a Western asset.
- Title:** *Murder or High Strategy?*
- Author:** Standley, William H., Admiral, U. S. N. (Ret.) with Ageton, Arthur A., Rear Admiral, U. S. N. (Ret.)
- Publication:** UNITED STATES NAVAL INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS, October, 1952, p. 1053-1065.
- Annotation:** The U. S. Ambassador to Moscow from April 1942-October 1943 discusses his experience in dealing with the question of the Katyn Forest massacre and other Polish issues.
- Title:** *Type 150.*
- Author:** Brent, Andrew.
- Publication:** FLYING, November 1952, p. 14-15, 44.
- Annotation:** Reports on Russia's newest tactical bomber designed by Dr. B. Baade, a German scientist, who with his staff was taken to Russia after the war.
- Title:** *The Anzus Pact and Pacific Security.*
- Author:** Killen, E. D. L.
- Publication:** FAR EASTERN SURVEY, October 8, 1952, p. 137-141.
- Annotation:** Examines the background of the Pacific security treaty which led to the formation of the Pacific Defense Council and notes that, although limited in scope, the organization offers a potential framework for solution of Pacific security problems.

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**Title:** *Red Pipe Line Into Our Defense Plants.*  
**Author:** Velie, Lester.  
**Publication:** THE SATURDAY EVENING POST, October 18, 1952, p. 19-21, 106-110.  
**Annotation:** Points out how Communists obtain vital information from defense workers by controlling labor unions.

**Title:** *The Resurgence of Military Elements in Japan.*  
**Author:** Guillain, Robert.  
**Publication:** PACIFIC AFFAIRS, September, 1952, p. 211-225.  
**Annotation:** Examines two Japanese military organizations which are significant examples of the groups led by former military figures and which have recently come into prominence.

**Title:** *The Issues in Korea.*  
**Author:** Hartmann, Frederick H.  
**Publication:** THE YALE REVIEW, Autumn, 1952, p. 54-66.  
**Annotation:** Examines the three major alternatives that were open to the U. S., once we committed ourselves to fighting in Korea, and finds that the course chosen was the best.

**Title:** *If War Comes to Mediterranean.*  
**Publication:** U. S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, October 17, 1952, p. 48-53.  
**Annotation:** Admiral Ferreri, Italy's Chief of Naval Operations, discusses the role of the Mediterranean in future war. (Map p. 51).

**Title:** *Who Dictates Destruction?*  
**Author:** St. Clair, Harold J., Lieutenant Colonel.  
**Publication:** MILITARY REVIEW, October, 1952, p. 27-32.  
**Annotation:** Proposes the development of a policy for the planning, preparation and execution of the destruction of strategic and tactical installations in case of future war.

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- Title:** *Yankee Boss of the Mediterranean.*  
**Author:** O'Donnell, James P.  
**Publication:** SATURDAY EVENING POST, October 18, 1952, p. 32-33, 183-186.  
**Annotation:** Describes the work of Admiral Carney in organizing NATO's six-nation force that comprises Allied Forces, Southern Europe.
- Title:** *Propaganda and Power.*  
**Author:** Carr, Edward Hallett.  
**Publication:** THE YALE REVIEW, Autumn, 1952, p. 1-9.  
**Annotation:** Discusses the use of propaganda in international relations and concludes that the best hope for the efficacy of our propaganda is in a policy which lies somewhere between the idealism of Wilson and the realism of Morgenthau and Kennan.
- Title:** *Allied Unity of Command in the Second World War.*  
**Publication:** POLITICAL SCIENCE QUARTERLY, September, 1952, p. 399-425.  
**Annotation:** A study in regional military organization, based largely upon Department of the Army records and upon studies prepared for the series, The U. S. Army in World War II.
- Title:** *American National Interests and the Responsibilities of United Nations Membership.*  
**Author:** Goodrich, Leland M.  
**Publication:** INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, August, 1952, p. 369-380.  
**Annotation:** Discusses the problem of harmonizing the conduct of United Nations affairs with concepts of national interest.