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BOOKS

Cook, Don. *Floodtide in Europe*. New York: Putnam, 1965. 384 p.

In *Floodtide in Europe* the former chief European correspondent of the New York *Herald Tribune* has written a contemporary political history. Mr. Cook has divided his book into three parts: background, events relating to or resulting from the historic Nassau Conference, and future prospects. In each part he weaves a whole new fabric around France, Germany, and Britain, and those great men who shaped the history of their time, skillfully highlighting the interrelationships. The book is excitingly readable, at times in free journalistic style, at others in near-Churchillian prose. The author writes with such vivid, intimate insight that the reader often wonders how he could have been hiding behind so many curtains, in so many cities, at so many instantaneous moments. Actually, he has combined excellent research of the many principals' memoirs with the knowledge gained from his many personal acquaintances as chief foreign correspondent to provide this penetrating exposé of contemporary events up through early 1965. Author Cook may have come closer to discovering the hidden mechanism in De Gaulle's psyche than any journalist—certainly any historian—to date; he suggests that President Kennedy may have revealed it only weeks before his assassination. "I came to the conclusion that the strategy of General de Gaulle, which I do not quite understand, needs a certain tension between France and the United States. Apparently he thinks that only this tension can give Europeans the will to think for themselves instead of relying lazily on American dollars and political leadership." Mr. Cook concludes that it took Western Europe a century and a half to get over Clausewitz' dictum that "war is an extension of politics by other means." With the obvious failure of the MLF, and with a newborn nationalism, a subtle shift is taking place in the balance between dependence on purely military security and a new trust in political security. This is the new "floodtide in Europe."

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Etzioni, Amitai. *Political Unification*. New York: Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1965. 346 p.

This book has three major goals: to examine the successes and failures of four specified regional associations, to suggest a general

framework for the study of regionalism, and to illustrate a sociological rather than a historical or legal approach to the study of international relations. The suggested framework for the study of regionalism is stated in a rather elaborate paradigm, which proves that at the present time the path of unification among nations is an empirical study, and which poses more questions than it answers. This is as it should be, for—as the author implies—these questions may lead to additional study which may in time make his paradigm less a perspective and more a theory. Having stated his paradigm, Mr. Etzioni then considers four contemporary unions against only two sets of variables, “. . . the effects of the distribution and composition of power.” The four unions which he studies in detail, then compares, are two which failed—the United Arab Republic and the Federation of the West Indies; one which has shown slight growth—the Nordic Union; and one which is thriving—the European Economic Community. The four case histories presented are valuable as individual research efforts. The comparison of the four in the context of the propositions of the paradigm is enlightening and indicates fruitful areas for future study. Well documented and organized, the book contains a concise statement of its propositions for study as well as a glossary of terms and concepts used. It is well indexed by subject and also by authors quoted or referenced. In that its major purpose is to propose areas suitable for research in international relations methodology, the book is written primarily for the professional political scientist.

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Gotlieb, Allan. *Disarmament and International Law*. Toronto: Canadian Institute of International Affairs, 1965. 232 p.

Disarmament and International Law is a detailed examination of the question of disarmament addressed primarily to lawyers who are interested in international affairs. Mr. Gotlieb, a Canadian, is presently the Deputy Head of the Legal Division of the Department of External Affairs and served for two years as a member of the Canadian disarmament delegation. While the author is not writing in his official capacity as a member of the Canadian government, he is in a position to view the United States and Soviet disarmament proposals with a certain degree of detachment. Although Canada has supported the current United States proposals on disarmament, Mr. Gotlieb takes a very pragmatic approach to the problems inherent in translating these ideas into reality. He makes note of a number of serious omissions in the Soviet proposals for