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Rees, David. *Korea, the Limited War*. New York: St Martin's, 1964. 511 p.

This book is a remarkably good and comprehensive study of that most peculiar war in Korea. The author is a young and astute Britisher who skillfully weaves the political warp and the military woof of the intricate fabric into a very clear pattern. His facts are full and complete, his views objective, and his style and organization exceptionally lucid. The book begins with a good essay on the nature of limited war and American hostility to such conflicts. The author believes that all of the introspection and disillusion in America created by the war can be boiled down to one cause—'the Korean War was the first important war in American history that was not a crusade.' With this introduction, he proceeds to write of the military campaign, the American political forces affected by, and affecting, the war, and the international aspects of the conflict. Mr. Rees writes well of the military action and he sets forth the political scene most understandingly. The real value of this book, it seems to the reviewer, is the objective manner in which the author treats the war as a politico-military action and not as two separate forces working either at cross-purposes or for a common goal. This is really the thesis of the volume. War is not divorced from politics at the commencement of hostilities; war is rightfully a tool for implementing a political policy. For Mr. Rees, the Korean War signaled 'America's emergence from the cocoon of a foreign policy based on total solutions to the reality of the limited ends and means of the cold war.' There are excellent chapters on the recall of General MacArthur, 'that most Republican of Generals,' and the subsequent hearings, and on the international implications of the war as they affected United States-Formosan policy, commitment to NATO, and adherence to the UN. The included maps are adequate, but the photographs indifferent and numerous misspelled words mar the text. Yet, overall, the book is an outstanding account of a unique war and very worth the reading.

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Tschebotarioff, Gregory P. *Russia, My Native Land*. New York: McGraw-Hill, 1964. 384 p.

Professor Tschebotarioff has written *Russia, My Native Land* with the same completeness and analytical attention to detail that