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Gross, Franz B., ed. *The United States and the United Nations*. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1964. 356 p.

The purpose of this book, according to the editor, is to examine the impact of the United Nations Organization on American policy and upon the "transcendent objective" of the United States described as the "creation of a stable world order based on Western concepts of man and legality." This purpose is admirably accomplished by the contribution of articles by eight eminent political science educators, including the editor, who present a critical analysis of the United Nations based on its performance. The analysis delves deeply into such problem areas as increasing nationalism, arms control, emerging Afro-Asian and Latin-American countries, and a variety of economic and social problems. Included in appendices to the book are five addresses given by such distinguished practitioners of American diplomacy as Secretary of State Dean Rusk and the late John F. Kennedy. These addresses serve to enlarge the understanding of the reader concerning the complex relationship of the United States to the world organization. In the final chapter of the book Professor Gross offers considerable basis for the overriding conclusion of all of the contributors that the United Nations has become an intrinsic part of United States foreign policy. The Organization, based on Western and particularly American concepts of legality and morality, serves to provide the United States with a channel of diplomatic communications. Additionally, it provides a "school for understanding . . . which reaches beyond a sense of passing amicability . . ." Beyond this it provides respite in moments of international crisis. The book, which is a product of research carried out under the auspices of the Foreign Policy Research Institute of the University of Pennsylvania, is recommended as a research text for students interested in the diplomatic activities of the United States in and through the United Nations.

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Herzog, Arthur. *The War-Peace Establishment*. New York: Harper & Row, 1965. 271 p.

The author states that so much literature has been written on the subject of United States contemporary foreign and military policy in the nuclear age that the American citizen has been overwhelmed and is unable to subject these policies to a critical examination. Consequently, in his book, Mr. Herzog has attempted to grapple with the great debate on war and peace by obtaining