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In the author's words this is "a book on ways of thinking about foreign policy, more than on events."

Mr. Marshall take a practical if somewhat pessimistic approach to the problems of diplomacy in assuring the reader that there will always be trouble between sovereign states. The best that enlightened diplomacy can hope to achieve is a minimization or perhaps a deflection of the difficulties encountered to keep them within manageable bounds. The book is alive with frequent illustrative examples from recent diplomatic incidents and is made entertainingly readable by the author's expressive style. It is recommended reading and will provide additional insight for the student of international relations.

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Stanley, Timothy W. *NATO in Transition: the Future of the Atlantic Alliance*. New York: Praeger, 1965. 406 p.

Timothy Stanley has rendered in this book an incisive, well-rounded study of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Writing from a background of intensive research, government service, and earlier duty as a military officer deployed with a unit assigned to NATO, the author provides a comprehensive overview of the cultural, economic, political and military aspects of the Atlantic alliance. His searching examinations and analyses are well reasoned and highly informative of the several critical problem areas which currently plague the NATO leadership. Especially instructive are his extensively documented surveys and discussions of the strategic factors, weapons criteria, and political schism tendency factors which vitally influence the NATO environment. The Treaty Organization is depicted as being in a state of transition; at a point in its evolution where its original mission of maintaining the security and political integrity of its member nations must be expanded to include the development of means which look toward the establishment of a peaceful world order. Mr. Stanley chronicles the already substantial and lasting achievements of the NATO alliance, and sets forth cogent, convincing arguments for maintaining and strengthening it. In this latter connection, he imparts a sense of urgency to the need for member nations to find early resolutions of their differences in order that the alliance can move forward constructively. Of special interest to professional military and naval officers, this book will, in addition, prove to Americans

in every walk of life enlightening in a subject which embraces what may well be the single most important political development subsequent to World War II: NATO.

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