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Middleton, Drew. *The Supreme Choice: Britain and Europe*. New York: Knopf, 1963. 292 p.

Mr. Middleton has served for many years as chief of the London bureau of *The New York Times*, and he has acquired a great breadth and depth of knowledge of the British people and a penetrating insight into the British scene. This book is an excellent compendium of the multitude of problems that beset Great Britain in her efforts to chart her route in the face of the rapidly evolving changes in the world since World War II—particularly in regard to her relationship with Europe and her efforts to gain membership in the European Economic Community. The author has done more than simply outline the more significant surface problems such as the intransigence of de Gaulle, United States-British relations, Great Britain and the Commonwealth and the Paris-Bonn axis. He has done a creditable job of analyzing the political, economic, psychological and military factors that have placed Great Britain in the unique position of a declining empire that still manages to retain sufficient influence to remain a nation of major consideration in international affairs. The serious student of international affairs will find no startling revelations in this book. It is, however, a well-written, comprehensive analysis of many of the important international issues of the day.

Cremeans, Charles D. *The Arabs and the World*. New York: Praeger, 1963. 338 p.

In *The Arabs and the World*, Mr. Cremeans goes into great detail to analyze the Arab, his religion, nationalism, anticolonialism and fierce hatred toward Israel. In a very readable and factual way, he presents his opinion of the causes and cures of current Middle East problems. The entire book emphasizes—often redundantly—the combination of Arab nationalism, the leadership of Gamal Abdel Nasser and the great misunderstanding by Westerners of Arab psychology. The author adequately covers all of the Middle East crises since World War II, especially the Israeli problem. Mr. Cremeans closes his book with some positive courses of action open to the United States. Three of these proposals are: (1) contribute to the Arab states' economic development; (2) deal with the Arab states as sovereign entities, accepting changes within their borders and relationships which they work out for themselves; and (3) acknowledge the right of states to follow a policy of nonalignment and neutralism, and co-operate with such states in matters of mutual interest. To accept recommendations such as these will require definite changes in the Arab outlook and considerable revision of American attitudes and policies.