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BOOKS

Davids, Jules. *America and the World of Our Time*.
New York: Random, 1960. 597 p.

In this book Mr. Davids has given his answers to many questions, such as: How did the United States' rise to world leadership take place? What were its causes? What were the events that we can now, in retrospect, consider to have been the milestones along this road to the global responsibility that is America's today?

Niebuhr, Reinhold. *Reinhold Niebuhr on Politics*.
Edited by Harry R. Davis and Robert C. Good. New York: Scribner, 1960. 364 p.

This book is a well-edited (by two political scientists) compilation of excerpts from both systematic and sporadic writings of one of the great theologians of our time, presenting his statements and analyses of the most significant philosophical and theological problems with us today. In this volume the reader is given a condensation and crystallization of serious thoughts on such subjects as Communism, Nazism, democracy, political power and the nature of politics, international relations, world government, pacifism and related items.

Morgenthau, Hans J. *The Purpose of American Politics*.
New York: Knopf, 1960. 359 p.

Dr. Morgenthau has undertaken to define the national purpose by evaluating our political background and in so doing concludes that the national purpose is now facing a major crisis caused by the equalitarian approach to alliances, majority government and committee rule, excessive influence of public opinion, conformism and the rise of a new form of feudalism. These causes are attributes to the

maintenance of a material and political status quo. This work of Dr. Morgenthau is a thought-provoking and readable book, recommended to all having interest in the political struggle taking place in the world today.

Hayes, Carlton J.H. *Nationalism: A Religion*. New York: Macmillan, 1960. 187 p.

As the title implies, the author develops the thesis that modern nationalism, born in Europe and Anglo-America some 150 to 200 years ago, and more recently embraced by most of the rest of the world, has all the aspects of a religion, and he leaves it to the reader to decide for himself that it has been the dominant religion in the industrialized countries of the world.

Furnia, Arthur H. *The Diplomacy of Appeasement: Anglo-French Relations and the Prelude to World War II*. Washington: University Press, 1960. 454 p.

Based on both published and unpublished diplomatic correspondence, and extensively annotated, this text affords a wealth of material for the serious student of international relations. It is, however, difficult reading for the layman, since the analytic treatment of events presupposes a scholarly knowledge of European politics.

Smith, J. Malcolm and Cornelius P. Cotter. *Powers of the President During Crises*. Washington: Public Affairs Press, 1960. 184 p.

This book, an exhaustive examination of the *emergency power* of the President, fills in one of the most serious gaps in the available works on the Presidency. In addition, it reveals a graphic picture of the broad extent to which emergency power has been used by the Government of the United States in recent years.