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BOOKS

Stoessinger, John G. *The Might of Nations*. New York: Random House, 1961. 475 p.

Dr. Stoessinger has brought scholarship, writing talent, and originality to bear on this interdisciplinary study of this generation's world power struggle. For inspiration at the start of each chapter, he ranges from Camus to Plato. Himself a literary stylist, he still quotes profusely from Morgenthau, Kissinger, and many other contemporaries. This book deserves careful reading and is more enjoyable than most. Dr. Stoessinger employs two key concepts in his book. First, he discusses world politics in terms of the ever-present tension between the struggle for power and the struggle for order among nations. Second, and included within the above broad and general conceptual framework, he introduces a specific substantive theme: the linkage between the East-West struggle and the struggle between nationalism and colonialism. Then he adds an important new dimension to international relations: the frequent and highly significant differences between the way nations perceive one another and the way they really are.

Osgood, Robert E. *NATO, the Entangling Alliance*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1962. 416 p.

This book is a comprehensive and thoroughly documented analysis of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The author describes in appropriate detail the evolution of the alliance and traces very effectively its development to the present. As a consequence, the book is most timely. The student of military affairs will find a great deal of interesting material in this book, particularly with regard to the author's discussion of the effects of the impending diffusion of nuclear capability among the nations of the alliance, the problems of control of nuclear weapons within the alliance, and past and future concepts of disengagement.

Payne, Pierre S. R. *Portrait of a Revolutionary; Mao Tse-tung*, rev. ed. New York: Abelard-Schuman, 1961. 311 p.

Mr. Payne is a gifted author-poet with an extensive experience in China. He is a non-Communist who has made a considerable study, and appears to have a good understanding of the appeal of communism to Asiatics. About 12 years ago Mr. Payne wrote a book entitled *Mao Tse-tung, Ruler of Red China*. His new book, complete with a new title, according to the author, fills in many of the gaps that existed in the previous work, carefully revises much of the previous material in light