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BOOKS

Morris, I.I. Nationalism and the Right Wing in Japan. New York: Oxford University Press, 1960. 476 p.

Nationalism and the Right Wing in Japan is a complete and well-documented study of post-World War II nationalism and the development of right-wing groups in Japan during the 1945-57 time span. An introductory essay by Professor Maruyama Masao, an eminent political scientist of Tokyo University, furnishes a concise survey of the traditional role of the right wing in Japanese politics. This essay, coupled with the historical and sociological background material introduced throughout the book, provides a bridge between the prewar development of rightist movements and present trends in Japan. Throughout the study Dr. Morris cautions that the dangers presented to the democratic cause by the extreme left may at times lead us to concentrate our concern exclusively on Communist movements, and thus to underrate the potential threat that may come from the opposite extreme. This book is recommended to students of Far Eastern affairs and is an important addition to the field of political science.

Brogan, Denis W. America in the Modern World. New Brunswick, N.J.: Rutgers University Press, 1960. 117 p.

America in the Modern World is derived from a group of lectures presented in 1959 by the author, a British professor at the University of Cambridge. D.W. Brogan terms himself, appropriately, a sympathetic foreigner. He begins by developing the historical reasons why the Americans find themselves in a world that regards them with envy and hostility as well as with admiration. He reminds us that it is fallacious to assume that the American system of democratic government is exportable; that the challenge to American democracy is to provide the leadership to