

## **NWICO: BACKGROUND READINGS**

*Communication and Class Struggle.* Armand Mattelart and Seth Siegelaub, editors. New York and Paris: International General, 1979, 1983, 1991.

An anthology in three volumes: Capitalism, Imperialism (v.1); Liberation, Socialism (v.2); New Historical Subjects (v.3). One article of particular note in volume 1 is Herbert Schiller's "Genesis of the Free Flow of Information Principles". Schiller exposes one of the library world's favorite myths and provides an excellent and brief historical account of the economic and political interests behind the ideology of the "free flow of information."

*Guild Practitioner: Second Special Issue on The Law, Peace, the Mass Media, and the First Amendment.*, v.48, no.1, Berkeley: National Lawyers Guild, Winter 1991.

Articles include "The Mass Media, New World Information Order and a New Look at the First Amendment" by Peter Franck (also printed in Berman and Danky's *Alternative Library Literature, 1988/89*); "Peoples' Rights and the Media" by Colleen Roach; and three others on international law, women's rights, and media accountability.

*Hope and Folly: The United States and UNESCO, 1945-1985.*

William Preston, Edward S. Herman and Herbert I. Schiller. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1989.

Three essays on the history of relations between UNESCO and the US, the mass media's coverage of US withdrawal from UNESCO, and US information policy.

*Many Voices, One World: Towards a new, more just and more efficient world information and communication order.*

Paris/London/New York: UNESCO/Kogan Page/UNIPUB, 1980.

Known generally as the "MacBride Report", this book covers the development of communications, describes the impact of technology on communications, documents the growing information disparities which have resulted from developed nations' control over the means of communications technologies and proposes a new, democratic information order.

*Unequal Access to Information Resources: Problems and Needs of the World's Information Poor: Proceedings of the Congress for Librarians, February 17, 1986, Jamaica, NY.* Jovian P. Lang, editor. Ann Arbor: Pierian Press, 1988.

Includes a particularly insightful article by Terry Hubbard entitled "United States Telecommunications Policy: Latin America, the International Telecommunications Union and UNESCO." Available from: Pierian Press, P.O. Box 1808, Ann Arbor, MI 48106.

