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heart of the problem, as *Black Metropolis* does, is must reading for anyone who believes that social problems are soluble.

The book is a study of the highly segregated area of a little more than 10 square miles in which more than 300,000 Negroes are forced to live in the city of Chicago. The pattern of life there is similar to that in every Negro section of every city in the United States. This pattern is described by its Negro authors with complete understanding, based upon years of study and living among the people, yet with a realism unusual in books of this nature. The facts are all here, good and bad, pleasant and unpleasant. Although it is a scientific study of great objectivity and thoroughness, it is so well written that it holds the reader's attention like a novel.

There are fascinating chapters on "Crossing the Color-Line," "Black Workers and the New Unions," the race riot of 1919 and how plans were perfected during World War II to head off or control any similar riot that might break out today, "The Job Ceiling" which prevents Negroes from obtaining skilled and professional jobs and positions in the white business world, "The Power of Press and Pulpit," the "Negro in Politics," and "Advancing the Race."

An eloquent introduction by Richard Wright illuminates the key facets of the problem and praises the writers for their contribution in bringing to the attention of the white world the realities of Negro urban life. As Mr. Wright says, we must realize "that the Negro's present position in the United States results from the oppression of Negroes by white people, that the Negro's conduct, his personality, his culture, his entire life flow naturally and inevitably out of the conditions imposed upon him by white America."

ROLAND GIBSON

Good Will on Earth

A CATHOLIC LOOKS AT THE WORLD by Francis E. McMahon. Vanguard Press, New York, 1945 pp. 334, Price \$2.75.

The good Catholic allows one thing to remain mysterious, and all other things then become clear—was one of the memorable paradoxes in Chesterton's "Orthodoxy." It comes to mind as one closes this valiant and wide-ranging book. Because it is primarily concerning the things that then become clear, that the author is elaborating. He makes no pretense of utterance on the level of mysticism and his discussion of theology is not extensive nor more than reiterative of familiar positions. Indeed the tone of the book is hardly ever horatory, didactic or sermonizing (unless it be in pointed asides of advice to his own church colleagues).

What we have here, rather, is basically a program volume. "The problems facing America and the world will never be solved unless the 'men of good will' join hands." "Recent Popes have been emphasizing the value—even the necessity—of all men of good will, whatever their religious beliefs,

getting together to solve common problems. And it is on the theme of getting together to solve common problems that Professor McMahon makes his strongest contribution and really asks that his book be adjudged.

It is therefore from this point of view that men of good will should gladly applaud and agree that here is a social, economic and political program which in general terms will have the support of other workers for democracy with other or with no religious ties. Programs of action are the sensible grounds for cooperation among those confronted with identical problems. And with eminent good sense the author offers a basis for cooperation in a hearty fashion that commands respect and concurrence. At a moment in the world's history when social agreements are more vital to stress than metaphysical differences, this look at the world is praiseworthy. At certain points in the domestic economic program one is reminded of the forwardlooking volumes of another Catholic, Michael O'Shaughnessy, who in his "Peace and Reconstruction" and "Economic Democracy and Private Enterprise" has also shown the Protestant world some of the implications of good Catholic doctrine and thus added further to the evidence that for many purposes of social action theological diversities can be kept subordinated to common social concerns.

Perhaps the most important lesson to bring away from this volume is that in every communion the real problem is the falling short of so many believers from the clear implications of their religious and moral mandate. Here is a discussion of those implications valuable for those of all religious faiths.

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NOTE: In the next issue of FREE WORLD John Latouche, writer, director and producer will review Marianne Oswald's excellent and dramatic autobiography, One Small Voice, published by Whittlesey House. McGraw-Hill.

Territorial Reorganization

THE REGIONS OF GERMANY, by Robert E. Dickinson. Oxford University Press. 175 pp. \$3.50

The New York Public Library contains more than eighty books and pamphlets endeavoring to solve the burning problem of "How to treat the Germans." In a sense, the present volume belongs to this category of "How to" books, as it urges the Allied administrators of Germany to abolish certain anachronisms that contributed to the temporary victory of Nazism and may now jeopardize our own efforts to preserve the peace, if they are permitted to continue. Dr. Dickinson, reader in geography at the University of London, clamors, not for a dismemberment of the Reich, as has been done by others, but for a territorial reorganization of Germany: "The problem for the Germans is to permit the free development of the democratic spirit, if such we may call it, in the south and west, and to crush the unity of Prussia, and bring its component provinces to the A vital sociological survey — in the tradition of Middletown

BLACK METROPOLIS

A Study of Negro Life in a Northern City

by St. Clair Drake and Horace R. Cayton

with an Introduction

by Richard Wright

"It is profoundly gratifying to welcome a great book in this field . . . By virtue of its range, its labor and its insight, the book seems certain to become a landmark not only in race studies but in the broader field of social anthropology . . . The brilliant Wright introduction is the best single essay in its field I have read. From cover to cover, this is a book of intellectual discipline and talent."

—THOMAS SANCTON, New Republic

"This is an authoritative, carefully documented analysis of the socio-economic status of the Negro in Chicago. The book is forthrightly written. It does not substitute opinion for fact. It evaluates prejudice. This is a *must* book for all socially-minded citizens."

—WILTON KROGMAN, Associate Professor of Anatomy and Physical Anthropology, University of Chicago.

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