

his world-shaking brochure "The Jewish State" before anti-Semitism was introduced in the Dreyfus affair. Herzl was one of the true world shakers and movers. This volume is basic to Zionist history. —H. U. R.

**PROFILES OF THE ZIONISTS:** Louis Lipsky, now the dean of American Zionism, retains, at nearly eighty years of age, the bite and vigor of his youth. His most recent book, "A Gallery of Zionist Profiles" (Farrar, Straus & Cudahy, \$3.75), is evidence of that. In describing more than thirty great Zionist leaders of the past, he writes: "Zionism stands in a circle of danger and may become the victim of sentimentality or excessive reverence." Mr. Lipsky, in producing profiles on the notable Zionist spokesmen from Theodor Herzl to David Ben-Gurion (the present Israeli Prime Minister is the only living leader included in this book) is sentimental only about Dr. Chaim Weizmann, first President of Israel. About all the others Mr. Lipsky is warm but objective in his judgments.

Among the most fascinating men treated in this book are Nahum Sokolow, a great linguist and Jewish leader; Shmarya Levin, to whom this volume is dedicated and who was one of the finest propagandists Zionism ever had; Vladimir Jabotinsky, whose spiritual children are the members of Herut, Israel's second largest political party; Chaim Nachman Bialik, the greatest Hebrew poet of modern times; Ahad Ha-Am, the promulgator of cultural Zionism, as against political Zionism; Eliezer Ben Yehuda, who brought Hebrew back to Palestine as a living language; Naphtali Herz Imber, the bohemian poet and author of the Israeli national anthem, who was a drunk and is remembered as such by Mr. Lipsky; and a host of notable Americans: Henrietta Szold, founder of Hadassah, the women's Zionist organization; Stephen S. Wise, Justice Louis D. Brandeis, and others equally interesting. Mr. Lipsky tries to bring his people to life and he usually succeeds. If one cannot always agree with his conclusions about his Zionists, at least one recognizes them as living individuals. —H. U. R.

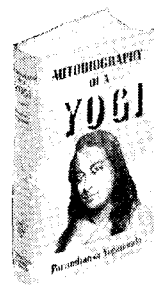
**THE STORY OF ISRAEL:** In 1952 the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, in conjunction with the Jewish Agency for Palestine and a handful of Jewish institutions and organizations, sponsored the Seminary Israel Institute. Since that time, convocations and luncheon lectures have been held under the aegis of the Institute, and a number of books have emerged as a result of the lectures delivered by Jewish and non-Jewish scholars and

spokesmen. "Israel: Its Role in Civilization," edited by Moshe Davis (Harper, \$4), is an outgrowth of some of these lectures. Contributors include noted Jewish philosophers, educators, scholars, and historians, as well as Christian scholars. Many of the essays are extremely enlightening; a few are cursory, but, in all, this is a thoughtful volume, full of good things.

Israel's Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, and Dr. Louis Finkelstein, Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, contribute to the first section, entitled, "The Role of Israel in the Modern World." Professor William F. Albright, Dr. Salo Baron, Professor Louis Ginzberg and Professor Saul Lieberman write on "What History Teaches." Professor Ginzberg's essay on the Dead Sea Scrolls remains valuable and illuminating, though he has since written in greater detail on the same subject. In the third section, "The New State," there are studies on social and cultural developments in Israel, some of them academic rather than realistic. For example, Yehuda Lea Kohn writes on the emergence of a constitution, but Israel still does not have a written constitution. The late Hayim Greenberg's "Religion and the State of Israel" is original in thought and highly provocative. Martin Buber's contribution on "Character Change and Social Experiment in Israel" is excellent, but it is familiar to Buber students. The final section, "America and Israel" contains little that is original but much that is worth recalling.

—H. U. R.

**THE LORE OF THE BIBLE:** Professor Louis Ginzberg, who died some three years ago, was one of the twentieth century giants of Jewish scholarship and his monumental work, "The Legends of the Jews" is one of the greatest works of scholarship produced by a single individual. It comprised four volumes of Biblical legends (and three more volumes of notes and index), all drawn from ancient and modern sources in nearly forty languages. Now "Legends of the Bible" (Simon & Schuster, \$5) has been made available in a one-volume edition which is based on Professor Ginzberg's "The Legends of the Jews." This one-volume edition is beautifully produced and contains nearly all of the tales in the original scholarly collection, or at least the most interesting and significant ones. There are legends here on the creation of the world, on Adam and his sons, on Abraham, on Jacob and Joseph in Egypt, and on Moses in Egypt and in the Wilderness. It is a pleasure to have the best of Professor Ginzberg's great works in a single volume. —H. U. R.



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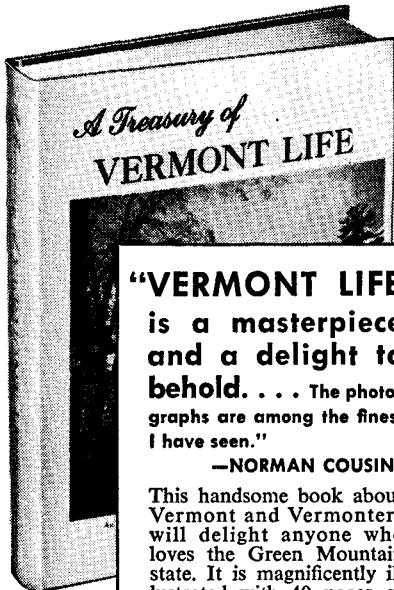
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**HISTORICAL STUDIES:** How the "Living Religions of the World" (Prentice-Hall, \$6.75) developed their religious impulse under varying sociological conditions is the concern of Fredric Spiegelberg, who is a member of the University of California's anthropology department. Selectively and informatively he traces the growth of some sixteen Eastern and Western religions. "Everyday Life in Old Testament Times" (Scribners, \$3.95), is a detailed reconstruction—in drawings and text by English scholar E. W.

Heaton—of the Jewish world as it existed from 1250 to 586 B.C. Taking on a four-thousand year span, Leo W. Schwarz enlisted such notable historians as Salo W. Baron, Cecil Roth, and A. S. Halkin to interpret and review the "Great Ages and Ideas of the Jewish People" (Random House, \$5), one of the best recent surveys. Forming almost complementary studies are "The Early Church," by Professor Oscar Cullman of the University of Basel (Westminster, \$4.50), a scholarly work, and "The Holy Fire," by Robert Payne (Harper, \$5), the story of the early Christian Church in the Near East (30-1461 A.D.), a model of popular writing leavened by thorough historical research. Catholic layman Bernard Wall dramatizes "The Vatican Story" (Harper, \$3.95), smoothly blending ground data with fresh contemporary observation. For a view of the changing relation of Christian faith to the state and culture as a whole, James Hastings Nichols, professor of church history at the University of Chicago, methodically covers the "History of Christianity: 1650-1950" (Ronald Press, \$5).

For those readers who wish a Catholic view of "The Protestant Churches of America" (Newman, \$5), John A. Hardon has compiled historical and statistical material related to organizational structure and doctrines of all denominations. On the religious front abroad, Winburn T. Thomas and Rajah B. Manikam's "The Church in Southwest Asia" (Friendship Press, \$2.50) offers a clear picture of progress and problems of Protestant missions.

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