

Books of the Week

► **THE WAR**, a harsh schoolmaster, taught us thoroughly how much dependent we are on the southeastern corner of Asia for many necessities and comforts. We get these things only because men and women there work to produce them: the brown-skinned peoples we sweepingly lump as "Malayas". The highly varied patterns under this seemingly uniform brown surface have been a lifelong study of Prof. Fay-Cooper Cole of the University of Chicago; in his new book, **THE PEOPLES OF MALAYSIA**, he tells about them in easy, informal yet accurate fashion. (*Van Nostrand*, \$4).

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► **CLIMATOLOGY**, especially in its comparative phases, has all of a sudden become a highly "practical" matter, its applications ranging all the way from choice of crop plants and livestock for the rehabilitation of war-wrecked countries to the siting and planning of new world-line airports. Valuable to the serious worker in this field is Wladyslaw Gorczynski's **COMPARISON OF CLIMATE OF THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE** (*Polish Institute*, \$5).

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► **CHANGE**, at a rate that will undoubtedly bewilder thousands of primitive minds, impends in many lands where change was hardly even a word in the native vocabulary before

the war. What may happen and how it may come about, is outlined in **THE DYNAMICS OF CULTURE CHANGE**, written by the late Bronislaw Malinowski not long before his death in 1943. This should be a useful book for young men preparing for administrative tasks in far places and among strange folk. (*Yale Univ. Press*, \$2.50).

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► **ONE MAN'S** struggle with the problem of soil wastage and its consequences in human deterioration, in Oklahoma, in the Philippines, in California, is vividly and earnestly told by Joseph A. Cocannouer in **TRAMPLING OUT THE VINTAGE** (*Univ. of Oklahoma Press*, \$2.75). Hopeful portent for the nascent Philippine Commonwealth is the fact that his ideas were more hospitably received there than in Oklahoma.

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Just Off the Press

ADVANCES IN NUCLEAR AND THEORETICAL ORGANIC CHEMISTRY—R. E. Burk and Oliver Grummitt, eds.—*Interscience*, 165 p., illus., \$3.50. Vol. III of **FRONTIERS IN CHEMISTRY**. A collection of lectures delivered at Western Reserve University. **THE CHEMICAL CONSTITUENTS OF PETROLEUM**—A. N. Sachanen—*Reinhold*, 451 p., illus., \$8.50.

THE GERMAN TALKS BACK—Heinrich Hauser—*Holt*, 215 p., \$2.50. Introduction and footnotes by Hans J. Morgenthau.

HANDBOOK OF NONFERROUS METALLURGY: Principles and Processes—Donald M. Liddell, ed.—*McGraw*, 656 p., illus., \$6.50. 2nd ed., revised.

HIGH-PRESSURE DIE CASTING: A Design Guide for Engineers—H. L. Harvill and Paul R. Jordan—*Harvill Manf. Co.*, 130 p., illus., \$5.

HOW TO PRESERVE FOOD—Walter W. Chenoweth—*Houghton*, 287 p., illus., \$2.50. A scientific and practical textbook covering the whole field of home food preservation.

MACHINE TOOL GUIDE: Engineering Data Covering the Principal Machine Tools—Tom C. Plumridge and others—*Am. Tech. Soc.*, 773 p., illus., \$7.50. Especially prepared for tool engineers, millwrights, and tool equipment salesmen.

MACHINERY OF STAINLESS STEELS—*Rustless Iron and Steel Corp.*, 83 p., paper, illus., free. Rustless library of stainless steel information No. 2.

OUR INNER CONFLICTS: A Constructive Theory of Neurosis—Karen Horney—*Norton*, 250 p., \$3.

TEXT-BOOK ON SPHERICAL ASTRONOMY—W. M. Smart—*Macmillan*, 430 p., illus., \$4.75. 4th ed., revised and enlarged.

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