

52 Books Received

The Nazi Concentration Camps: Structure and Aims. The Image of the Prisoner. The Jews in the Camps. Proceedings of the Fourth Yad Vashem International Historical Conference, Jerusalem, January 1980. Jerusalem: Yad Vashem, 1984. 746pp. Inds. Maps. \$17.00. The volume reproduces, in full, the papers presented at all ten sessions of the conference. It also records, verbatim, the comments and observations contributed by the participants in the ensuing discussions.

Roskies, David G. *Against the Apocalypse: Responses to Catastrophe in Modern Jewish Culture.* Cambridge, MA/London: Harvard University Press, 1984. xiv + 374pp. Notes. Bibl. Ind. Illus. £17.00.

An in-depth study through literature and art demonstrating the author's belief that the new post-Holocaust archetype of catastrophe was the result of retrieval, continuity and the blending of historical modes of response.

Schwarberg, Günther. *The Murder at Bullenhauser Damm: The SS Doctor and the Children.* Trans. from the German by Erna Baber Rosenfeld and Alvin H. Rosenfeld. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 1984. xiv + 178pp. Gloss. Notes. Ind. Illus. \$21.88.

An indictment of the medical experimentation carried out on twenty children, condemning the exoneration of the Kommandant and pointing out the reluctance of post-war Germany to make an honest appraisal of Nazism.

Sobol, Joshua. *Ghetto: Schauspiel in drei Akten* (Ghetto: A Drama in Three Acts). Edited by Harro Schweizer. Berlin: Quadriga, 1984. 247pp. Illus. DM 29.80.

Israeli writer Sobol's play tells the story of events in the Vilna ghetto, as enacted by the Jewish inmates and their Nazi tormentors. In addition there are contributions by theatre critic Kenneth Tynan, psychologist Bruno Bettelheim and producer Peter Zadek.

Islam

Ende, Werner and Steinbach, Udo (eds.). *Der Islam in der Gegenwart* (Islam Today). Munich: C. H. Beck, 1984. 774pp. Notes. Bibl. Ind. DM 138.00.

A detailed and scholarly study of the

many facets and trends of Islam in the East and West, with an assessment of the historical and contemporary situation in individual countries. The contributions include a discussion on Islam and socialism and the 'Islamization' of Iran after the revolution.

Israel

Aronoff, Myron J. (ed.). *Cross-Currents in Israeli Culture and Politics.* Brunswick, NJ/London: Transaction Books, 1984. viii + 115pp. Notes. Ind. (Political Anthropology, 4). £27.65. Dist. in the UK by Clio Distribution Service. Leading Israeli and American experts analyse current problems and issues emergent since the Likud government was elected after thirty years of Labour rule. The role of ethnicity, political polarization, vigilantism and public protest at the Lebanese war are among the matters discussed.

Herman, Donald L. *The Latin American Community of Israel.* New York: Praeger, 1984. xvii + 151pp. Appends. Bibl. Ind. £35.95. Dist. in the UK by Holt Saunders.

Full research study surveying the Latin American community which has emigrated to Israel in increasing numbers over the last six years. All research data, including explanatory matrices, are appended, facilitating further comparative analysis between this community and other immigrant groups.

Heydemann, Steven (ed.). *The Begin Era: Issues in Contemporary Israel.* Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1984. xii + 137pp. Notes. £16.25. Dist. in the UK by Bower.

Seven contributors assess the changes at home and abroad during Begin's tenure as Prime Minister. The writers rationalize his unwavering convictions and evaluate the continuing effects of his far-reaching policies which still complicate, and influence, the present era.

Israel and Palestine: Human Rights in Israel and the Occupied Territories. Nottingham: Spokesman, 1985. 108pp. (Endpapers, 9). £3.95.

A presentation of information collected by the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation claiming that 'the Palestinian is a second class citizen' in Israel and that, in the occupied territories, he is 'without status'.