

their journey and on the oasis and its people is a nice piece of writing, composed of bits of history, sly reflections on the chasm between East and West, sharp descriptions of some of the appalling folkways of the place, and wit. The book is well rounded out by Mr. Papadimou's splendid photographs.

**NIETZSCHE: PHILOSOPHER, PSYCHOLOGIST, ANTICHRIST**, by Walter A. Kaufmann (Princeton). Mr. Kaufmann has produced what may be the definitive study of Nietzsche's life and thought—an informed, scholarly, and lustrous work. He rescues Nietzsche from the lies and distortions of his views that were spread about after his death by his racist sister Elisabeth (called Llama by her brother, because the beast, "as a means of defense, squirts its spittle and half-digested fodder at its opponent"), and defends him successfully against all the charges of proto-Nazism and anti-Semitism, perhaps even overstating the case a bit. Nietzsche remains a tantalizing but obscurely repellent figure, not bigoted enough to create a system but certainly bigoted enough for almost anything else—a great thinker rather than a great man thinking. Mr. Kaufmann has freshly translated all his quotations, and in an appendix prints some of Nietzsche's unimpressive poetry with facing translation. Readers of Monsignor Fulton J. Sheen's recent book "Peace of Soul" may be surprised and somewhat dismayed to learn that its title is a quote from the old Antichrist himself.

**CHESSE SECRETS**, by Edward Lasker (McKay). A kind of autobiography, in which the author casts his mind back over fifty years of playing master chess with most of the champions of Europe and North and South America. In describing his memorable matches with such men as Emanuel Lasker, José Capablanca, Alexander Alekhine, and Richard Reti, he not only recalls each game, play by play, and illustrates it with diagrams but writes deft little personality sketches of his opponents. Since most great chess players are fairly odd creatures, these pieces are very amusing. The book is technical in places, but there is nothing a competent amateur can't grasp.

**TITIAN**, by Hans Tietze (Phaidon). A revised edition of a book that was first published in 1936. It is a simply written, understanding, and extremely well-balanced study of the life and

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