Slovaks, Ukrainians, Roumanians, and South Slavs of Hungary was not a result of persecution, as stated in this volume. Purely economic reasons were the deciding factors: bad crops, scarcity of land, and the temporary unemployment originating from the industrial revolution. It appears that the editors of this book, as well as previous ones on this subject, believe with Seton Watson, the English historian, that “political persecution” was the reason for emigration of central Europeans in the eighties of the last century. The reviewer, in going over the American consular reports dealing with the mass movement of central Europeans of that time, found no word mentioned to the effect that “persecution” was the basis for emigration. On the other hand, economic reasons such as those mentioned above are indicated.

While the “specialist” may not find any new idea expressed in this book, nevertheless the editors have fulfilled a very beneficial task from the point of view of teachers, social workers, and all those who have dealings with the great public. These people will find this volume a great help in dealing with the members of the various ethnic units with which they come in contact. The book might well help a native-born group leader to understand second-generation children; and it will help in promoting an understanding of the past of all those groups that compose the present population of western Pennsylvania.

As for the local historian, he will find that a number of persons whom he considered native Pittsburghers in reality originated from certain sections of Europe. The selected bibliography will give the reader the authors and titles of the most important historical and sociological works that have been written about the various groups of which the population of the United States is composed.

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In the field of American history, the student and scholar have come to realize that bibliographical aid is a vital necessity. They will find to their delight that an indispensable new aid is now at their service. An attempt has been made to make a comprehensive collection of bibliographical materials for research in American history. The material is well arranged, thoroughly classified, and has a useful author and subject index. The bibliographical data were ob-
tained from the vast files of the many departments of the Library of Congress and from many other important libraries, bureaus, and governmental institutions in Washington. In addition, the author gained access to the valuable collections in the libraries of Philadelphia. The work covers a great range of subjects dating from the days of colonization to the New Deal. There are individual chapters on the diplomatic, economic, and other phases of American history. In all, there are over seven thousand items listed, which makes this volume a practical, valuable, and useful tool for research. As with all such guides, it has its limitations, for with the great strides in the field of historical bibliography, a work of such size, so long in preparation, may soon be out of date. Nevertheless, the scope of this volume and its careful preparation make it a valuable addition to historical literature.

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