

WORLD OF BOOKS

By LOUISE P. DUMETZ
NEGRO PRESS INTERNATIONAL

THE NEGRO IN AMERICA'S ARTS. U.S. Information Agency pamphlet. 24 pp.

This illustrated, full-color publication tells of the dramatic contributions being made by America's Negroes to the arts on stage, on canvas, and on the printed page.

Discussing the full range of Negro artistry, the foreword states: "The role of the Negro in America's arts is an ever-expanding one. His field of interests and accomplishments embraces every cultural form. Marian Anderson, Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington, Harry Belafonte these names are known to audiences the world over. But there are countless other actors, novelists, poets, composers, architects, dancers, singers, musicians and sculptors whose names may not be as familiar but who are making increasingly significant contributions to the arts.

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THE POORHOUSE STATE: The American Way of Life on Public Assistance. By Richard M. Elman. New York: Patheon. 305 pp. \$5.95.

According to Elman, the eight million Americans now receiving public assistance are actually accepting a handout. They receive their benefits not as a right but as a privilege. This privilege which the poorhouse state affords, is purchased with an accompanying price of personal humiliation.

ELMAN PRESENTS a telling argument to those who challenge the welfare system. He maintains that the poor can not be considered to be temporary unfortunates who are being reshaped into self-reliant citizens.

He maintains that the poor will probably stay poor and that the task of welfare should be to remove the stigma of public assistance.

He maintains that the indigent should not have to barter their right to privacy and their sense of dignity for a budget that still leaves them far below what is considered to be the poverty line.

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Xmas Party For The Press



VOICE PUBLISHER, Dr. Charles I. West, and charming spouse, Dorothy were guests at the recent Nevada Resort Association's Press Christmas Party hosted by Gabe Vogliotti, executive secretary of the Association shown seated with the Wests (right)... Standing are Ted McKinstry of KSHO-TV (left) and Hank Thornley (KLAS-TV).

Ebonaires Contribute



MAKE SOMEONE HAPPY would seem to be the theme of the Ebonaires, local women's club who marked the season by making a \$50 donation each to the Sightless Center and the Second Baptist Church Building Fund... Allen Sanders (left) accepts check for Sightless Center from Ebonaire President, Mrs. Robbie Jones, as does James Robinson for the Church Building Fund as another Ebonaire member, Mrs. Alma Anderson looks on.

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