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Studien über die Haltung der Individuen für die Verbundenheit des sozialen Systems, denn die Art des menschlichen Ausdrucks ist nach der Raum jedes Systems verschiedenartig. Daher ist von der Sinnanalyse der Form der Bejahung, Ablehnung und der Interesselosigkeit der Individuen die Rede.
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Book Review

R. V. MacIver, Towards an Abiding Peace, New York, 1943.

Yuzo Takasu

It may be now too late, I fear, to write a review of this book, published in 1943. But, in this book, MacIver put forward not only the principle and the policy for the peace treaty that was to come, but also some concrete proposals for the establishment of an international order or World Confederation. So, I think, it still maintains its own fundamental value.

Furthermore, I must state a positive reason for writing a review of this book today. Owing to the journalism which the expression of "the Two Worlds" very often, it seems to me that many people have too fictitious a conception of the very structure of the world itself. Is there not a tendency of disguising the substance of the world itself with the apparent phenomena of politics? Of course, in the aspect of politics, the world can be said to be divided nowadays into the two opposing parts. But, it seems that the very structure of the world itself consists of not the two but of several parts. On this point, MacIver shows his clear view in this book, especially in Chap. X.

So I introduce the main parts of the contents of this book, and estimate it highly, especially because of its fundamental character of grasping the world as it is, guarding itself against running to polarization.

The most unique point of his plan for the establishment of an international order, I understand, is to put "The International Executive" under the influence of territorial communities. That is very good for the democratic structure.

Granting the positive contribution of MacIver's study, I may note one question on this point; that is, how can it be possible to bring the nature of territorial communities into harmony with that of the international executive association in the same member of the "Executive"? However, it is perhaps expecting too much of a short treatise to attempt to tackle this problem.

Figural After-Effect

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For some time psychologists in the field of visual perception have come to pay attention to the facts that might be included under the name of *figural after effects*. These phenomena are observed whenever a figure is inspected for a certain period in appropriate circumstances.

The investigations of figural after effects originated from the experiment made by J.J. Gibson in 1933. He discovered two facts, according to his terminology, *adaptation* and *after effect*. A slightly curved line becoming less curved during prolonged inspection is the former, and straight line presented afterwards in place of the curved line appearing curved in the opposite direction is the latter. Gibson tries