

Nicola A. Ziadeh, *Whither North Africa*. Institute of Islamic Studies. Muslim University. Aligarh. 1957. pp. 79 + 1 map of North Africa. 8°.

Among the publications of Institute of Islamic Studies in Aligarh (India) we find an interesting report on the situation in North Africa, written by Nicola A. Ziadeh, lecturer at the Department of History, American University of Beirut (Lebanon).

The travel across Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco has given the autor opportunity to make a good insight into the urgent problems of that area. We must say that of recent years a number of books have been published explaining and analysing the political situation in North Africa. Nevertheless the booklet of Nicola A. Ziadeh, a devoted muslim and an ardent defender of the muslim nations' cause, may very help the reader to understand of the discussed problems.

In his *Whither North Africa* the author discusses the political, social, economic and cultural problems in Algeria (Chapter I), Tunisia (Chapter II) and Morocco (Chapter III). After short geographical description of each country he gives us a brief history of the French domination in that area and of the natives' battle for independence, demonstrating the injustice done to the Muslim nations of North Africa. Many figures, unfortunately in some cases not up to date, serve the author to explain the degree of exploitation of the natives by the French authorities on one hand and the rising mouvement for the emancipation of the opressed nations on the other.

The author's attitude is that of enlightened muslim wishing the reconciliation between two great cultures and civilizations — West and East, viz muslim East „A thorough study — he says — of our own history and cultur is essential. Then we can take what we need. It is imperative that we should learn the Western methods of studying history and thought. Intellectual negativism is one of the greates evils“ (op. cit. p. 29).

As a brief survey of the actually conditions in North Africa from the pen of a Muslim scholar is the pamphlet of Nicola A. Ziadeh worth to be read.

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