

thinkers.

CONTRIBUTIONS OF FRENCH

In France the devⁿ of geo. started after 1880. Till that time Germany geo. was sufficiently developed. Thus on French thinkers a snowed influence was of German geographers. Among whom the influence of Ratzel was the most. Apart of there some a influence was like that which given thoughts of France a new way. On French thoughts the influence of industrial revⁿ occurred. They saw the revⁿ as war of human over nature. Again French geographers. originally comes from social science area. Thus, they shows natural interest in human geo. consequently the causes discarded above in France originally human geo. developed. Vidal-de-la-Blach said^{that} human geo. is real geo. The French geographers 2nd imp. contribution is Possibilistic thought.

Alc to Possibilist thinkers that the supremacy of humans are more than nature. He make impossible into possible. Black also wrote that nature is not more than an advisor. To except or not follow it's advice is dependent on human. The intⁿ of nature is like a traffic-police but humans by it's wisdom search new ways.

French geographers in one hand reserved. the geo. study material while personal thinkers contributions are also uncomparative. Among there Black, Brunfest De-Mangeas are imp.

'Possibilism' was at 1st used by Febre in 1880. But to devⁿ it fully the credit goes to Black. Black is known as the father of French Geography. He is a human geographer.

who developed possibilistic thought. He also served regional geo. In this context his follw books are fit for being written :-

- 1) Geography Universale (Natural regions of world)
- 2) De-la France, de-la-Est (Natural regions of East France)
- 3) Bibliography of Europe

The contributions of Blach is also in the regions of Cartography. He in 1984 published a faithful atlas in content with Europe. To develop human geo. his book Principal of human geo. had an imp. place. It is divided into 3 parts -

- 1) World population
- 2) ~~Relation~~ ^{interaction} of man & nature
- 3) Explanation of transportation ways

In the last 2 parts the possibilism was fully dev^d quite visible. Though Blach is a supporter of possibilism & human supremacy but he also supported the Terrestrial whole theory. Thus all the elements of nature are complimented to each other. On this basis, some thinkers assume him as near of Humboldt. Blach thus developed 6 theories of geography. In content with all these 6 theories the study of geo. is necessary. They are -

- 1) All the elements of earth are integrated.
- 2) All the elements are interactive to each other
- 3) The changes occurred in elements of earth is the main subject matter of geographical study.
- 4) Human settlement changes the natural envt.
- 5) The identity of man is as a (individual)
- 6) For geographical study scientific analysis is necessary.

Brunche & De mangia are the pupils of Blach. Both of them by their writings ^{dev^d} human geo. & possibilism. Brunche book is - Geographia Human (Hu. geo.) It is in 3 parts - 1st part the exploitation of human nature by human; 2nd part study of vegetation, animal & agriculture; 3rd part mineral resources are studied in it. In 3rd part only Brunche wrote that human dev^d the dact of economy it means the exploitation of minerals is like dact of nature. By the all 3 parts he established that in compare to nature human are superior; Means Possibilism is originally the subject of geo.

De Mangé's book Problem of human geography. By this book as a medium De Mangé explain the study of possibilism as a subject matter of geo. In his other famous books Paris, Pierrefort & Rural habitat are imp. ones.

Above mentioned 3 main geographers except them other French geo thinkers contributions are as follows:-

- 1) Siegfried & Ancel put the basis of Political geo. Siegfried - France & Ancel - Europe wrote the pol. geo. Ancel critically criticized the theory of Tellen & Hornoffen political theory. He told that their this theory moves the nation towards war.
- 2) French thinkers too developed regional geo. The major contribution was of Blach. Except him De Martone, Gallois, contributions are imp. Martone described Alps region while Gallois described about the plain of France.
- 3) French geographers begins Urban geo. The credit goes to Blanchard who wrote methodology of urban geo. 2nd contributors was of Gottman. They used the word Megalopolis (of America megalopolis he wrote)
- 4) Colonial geography's dawn - the credit goes to Dubois
- 5) Some French geo thinkers studied physical geo. also among whom De Martone is imp. His famous book is French-Alps. Among it he explained the imp. landscapes of France. He presented the scientific analysis of glacial topography.

In this way from above facts it is cleared that the contributions of French thinkers are mainly related with human geo. Their this contributions become the pillars of modern human geography.