

## 'Bratislava Landscape' Painting



*Francis Bennion writes* Some time in the 1950s when I was living in Dulwich this painting was presented to me by its creator the artist William Rutledge in recognition of free legal advice I had given him. He was a remarkable man who had lost an arm in an accident. Also a musical conductor of repute, he continued valiantly to paint and conduct despite this severe handicap.

I have since lost touch with him. I remember that he is an Australian and that he called the picture *Bratislava Landscape*. (The red in the picture is supposed to depict the blazing blast furnaces at the town's steelworks.). It is a magnificent painting measuring 120 by 80 centimetres inside the frame. I would very much like to renew acquaintance with the artist if he is still alive.