



arm and reminding him that a particular man is talking to him. "I desire," said Thoreau, "to speak somewhere without bounds . . . from a man in a waking moment to men in their waking moments."

This is beyond Literature; more than *The Raven* or *The Scarlet Letter* or *Representative Men*. It is an individual soul, looking us warmly and urgently in the eye, and bearing witness to the truth.

Meeting him anywhere—in person, in *Walden*, or here in Mr. Hough's biography—is a lucky break in exactly this sense: we can glimpse in him a little of the quality of risk everyone of us is going to have to take, sooner or later, if we ever want to be anything but nicely neuter Nobodies.

ROGER BECKET

CROSS-CURRENTS

ARNOLD FORSTER AND BENJAMIN R. EPSTEIN

(New York: Doubleday and Co., 1956, 382 pp., \$4)

This is a remarkably poor work, misleading, slipshod, inaccurate, a mish-mash of uncoordinated interoffice memoranda. Why review the book at all? Because a libertarian may find a friend or favorite author mentioned somewhere in its pages.

The major theme of this work, as in so many Anti-Defamation League products of the past, is to tar every "rightwinger" with the brush of "anti-Semitism." This is done primarily by extreme use of the age-old technique of "guilt by association." And it is pushed to lengths which no "McCarthyite" would ever think of going.

A and B don't like the income tax; B once shared a platform attacking fluoridation with C (whose article blasting the UN was reprinted in an allegedly anti-Semitic periodical). Therefore, A, B and C are all anti-Semites. And so it goes.

A curious naivete runs through the volume. Not only do the authors attack all critics of Eisenhower or all those desirous of a Third Party; they clearly believe that all such activities are wicked and un-American. They don't bother to explain why.

Most disturbing aspect of the book: the quotations from apparently private letters and conversations. Even friendly reviewers have wondered about this invasion of privacy. The ADL has often been accused of being a private espionage organization. If this charge is correct, we may—without passing judgment on the legality of its procedures—wax pretty indignant over their immorality.

AUBREY HERBERT

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The Experts (April 30 through May 6) A father seeks advice from an expert because his young son can't read. Rev. Jeff Jones takes the father to another expert suggesting that Dad should listen to opposite advice and then decide for himself. Experts may not always agree, and even when they do, they can be wrong.

The Closed Mind (May 7 through 13) with definite ideas about what they want, Mr. and Mrs. Drake set out to buy a house. Each Drake sees a different real estate agent, and an amusing but thought-provoking story develops. In buying a house or a government, ask specific questions and demand specific answers.

Genius (May 14 through 20) For years it was all work and no pay for Mr. Lithcoe, would-be inventor. Then one day success, fame, wealth are his. But when the graduated income tax takes its toll, Mr. Lithcoe tries an unconventional sales policy.

Competition vs. Cooperation (May 21 through 27) Does competitive enterprise destroy cooperation? The Colonel (Indian Wars) directs the activities of the scouts in building their own clubhouse, and clears up an unsavory misconception held by a contemporary of his.

The Big Question (May 28 through June 3) "I don't approve of the policies of either candidate. How should I vote?" Rev. Jeff Jones asks himself this question during an election at his tennis club and wonders how he will answer his friends when they ask him this same question in November.

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