

THE WORLD IN BOOKS

Books Reviewed in This Issue

BOOK	AUTHOR	PUBLISHER	PRICE
<i>The Hundred Years</i>	Phillip Guedalla	Doubleday, Doran	\$3.00
<i>Is It Peace?</i>	Graham Hutton	Macmillan	\$2.50
<i>Zero Hour</i>	Richard Freund	Oxford	\$2.50
<i>America: A Re-appraisal</i>	Harold E. Stearns	Hillman-Curl	\$3.00
<i>A Declaration of Interdependence</i>	H. A. Overstreet	Norton	\$3.00
<i>Our Ineffective State</i>	Wm. H. Hessler	Henry Holt	\$2.50
<i>The Recovery Problem in the U. S.</i>		Brookings Institution	\$4.00
<i>They Shall Not Want</i>	Maxine Davis	Macmillan	\$2.50
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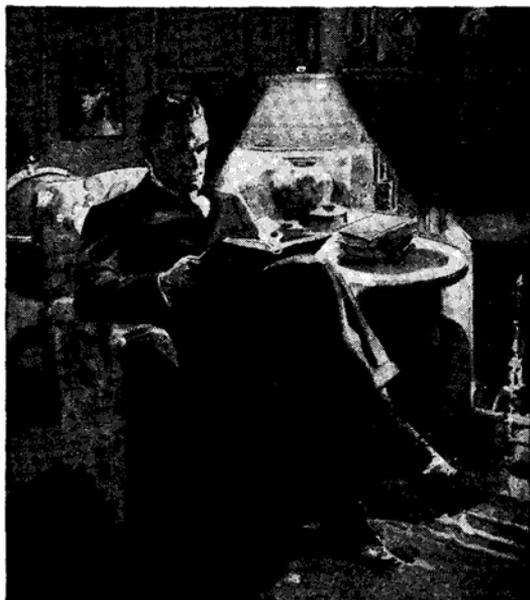
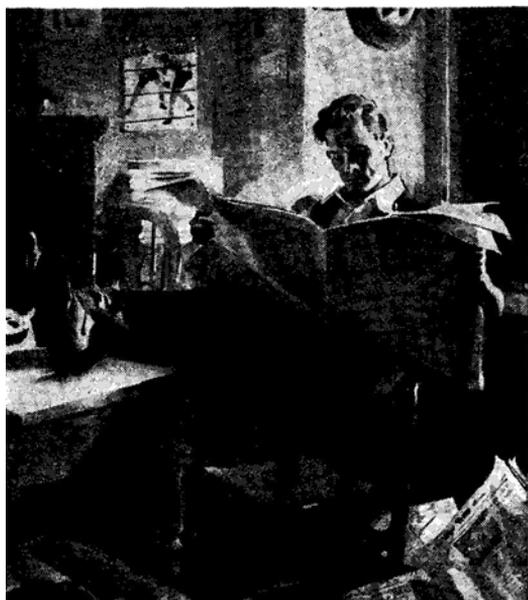
EMERSON said that reading history was a laborious process but that was before the advent of Phillip Guedalla. For *The Hundred Years*, Mr. Guedalla's latest work, is a unique literary device which makes the story of the past as vitally alive as wild birds in flight. It views history, not as a recitation of dates and places, but as the theme for the drama of human events.

Mr. Guedalla, an English historian who seems to have extended and refined the Wellsian formula, has thrown what he calls a "light bridge" across the span of history during the last hundred years. His bridge is gently arched and its foundations are gracefully anchored. It looks down upon the multi-colored carpet of recent history, whose pattern began its weave one hundred years ago, on that quiet June morning in 1837 when a little girl became Queen Victoria, and ends with the death of George V one year ago last January.

It is from the towers of his bridge that Mr. Guedalla plays his bright spotlight upon the panorama of the past. And into the range of its sharp light appear the glittering jewels of a cen-

tury's mosaic. The spotlight moves from its focus on Queen Victoria and comes to rest 32 more times before Mr. Guedalla completes his picture. Now the light settles on a growing, surging America in its industrial evolution; now it roams over history's landscape and focuses on the capitals of Europe during the middle of the nineteenth century, when revolution burned in the soul of a continent; now it picks out the ambitious Bismarck; now it brings into clear relief the assassination of Alexander; now it is turned on America's plunge into the World War; now it widens to show two countries, one of which works out its destiny within the concepts of a New Deal, while the other turns to purge, suppression, and regimentation.

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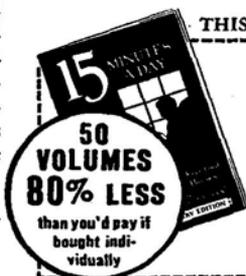
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Mr. Guedalla makes no attempt to write a textbook to be read and recognized by scholars; indeed, *The Hundred Years* might well be called a farewell to footnotes. This does not mean that the work is an over-simplification or merely a popularization of history. *The Hundred Years* goes to the roots at the points where it chooses to dig. It concerns itself more with the characters in the drama of the century than it does with a chronicle of events. And, significantly, it is written, not merely compiled.

The English With Us

Two of Mr. Guedalla's colleagues lend an even greater English flavor to the month in historical non-fiction. And both write on almost identical subjects: the question of world peace as seen through post-war history, with special reference to the role of Great Britain as a force against war. Graham Hutton, author of *Is It Peace?* agrees with Richard Freund's *Zero Hour* that British foreign policy will largely determine whether the world will yet be stayed from disaster.

At the moment, Great Britain is blistered sorely from almost continuous sitting on the diplomatic fence. She cannot afford to snub France and Belgium, her traditional and democratic allies, yet must also restrain from flouting Germany or Italy, or both, lest she force the mailed fist of the fascist powers. Accordingly, Great Britain has guaranteed the frontiers of Belgium and France against Nazi aggression, at the same time tacitly sympathizing with Germany's outright disregard and violation of the Versailles Treaty. And in the Spanish situation John Bull has played the part of a ventriloquist; he cries out against intervention in Spain, but at the same time he sweetly hums a fascist tune. How long will he continue to sit on the fence?

As long as he possibly can, says Mr. Freund in *Zero Hour*, in pointing out that no other continental policy is feasible for Britain in view of the threat by Italy in the Mediterranean and Africa, the menace of Germany in Central Europe, and



PHILIP GUEDALLA
Author of "The Hundred Years."

the danger of an antagonized France. Similarly, Mr. Hutton contends that Great Britain must keep her hands free while maintaining a policy of expediency in meeting the critical situations and contingencies as they arise. The author of *Is It Peace?* adds that England's safest and wisest policy is to "retain strength and vigilance, seeking an opening for decisive intervention."

The *Zero Hour* is at hand, Mr. Freund believes, because at almost any moment the dynamite of war may be touched off. The sparks are being generated in three danger zones: Central Europe, Mediterranean, and the Far East. The first two zones might almost be grouped together, since they constitute the stamping ground of the fascist bloc. This is the domain of the dictators to a large degree, and it is through this belt that the gun and the goosetep are seen the most. Germany is reaching out on every side; she wants to snatch back Danzig and her lost colonies as the overture to her attempt at empire. And Italy has designs of her own. From her boot on the Mediterranean she gazes out on a sea that is under English domination and dreams of the day when another Roman Empire will rise on its shores. Meanwhile, Il Duce brings the vision closer as he speeds completion of the two largest and fastest battleships afloat.

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Featured speakers on the program were Dorothy Thompson, noted newspaper columnist and writer, and Granville Hicks. Mr. Hicks is the author of *John Reed: The Making of a Revolutionary*, one of the books selected on CURRENT HISTORY's list. A highlight of the program was the dramatization of several scenes from *An American Doctor's Odyssey*, by Victor Heiser, M.D., another book earning a place on the list.

The purpose of the editors in conducting the selections and in presenting the radio program was to give greater emphasis to non-fiction books. The response has clearly indicated that there is a large and increasing number of serious readers in this country.

Numerous requests for copies of the talks given by Miss Thompson and Mr. Hicks have almost exhausted the reprints ordered to fill the demand. A small supply, however, is still available and copies will be sent to readers upon request.

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In the Far East, the third of Mr. Freund's danger zones, "Japan is advancing inexorably to carve out her empire from the prostrate body of China." But it is doubtful whether Great Britain could defend her interests in Hong Kong, Shanghai, and possibly Australia, Borneo, New Guinea, and the Pacific Islands. For England is compelled to concentrate the bulk of her forces in European waters, unless she wants to run the risk of losing hegemony on the sea to Italy.

It is in this plight that England casts about for a foreign policy which will enable her to remain the greatest empire in the world. Mr. Freund suggests that the dominions be encouraged to take a larger share in the defense of the empire and build up their own armed forces. Mr. Hutton does not disagree that the lifelines of Great Britain would help, but he strongly doubts that the dominions will send their citizens to fight again in Europe for a "Britain who has voluntarily stepped into the furnace." Furthermore, *Is It Peace?* believes that England could not hope to count on the United States for succor until London is actually a pile of ruin—a contention, incidentally, to which Mr. Freund does not subscribe.

Mr. Hutton rightly deplores the tendency to concede the demands of the fascist powers in the belief that such concessions would still the war drums and make peace-loving proponents of battle-blooded Hitlers and Mussolinis. The very soul of the fascist state is wedded to military organization, he maintains, and there is no reason to believe namby-pambyism will succeed where all else has failed.

Both *Is It Peace?* and *Zero Hour* are important reading in the field of history-in-the-making. The former gives one a thorough background for a complete understanding of current foreign affairs by recording, clearly and logically, the series of significant post-war events leading up to the present. Although it gives particular reference to the position of Great Britain in world affairs, it analyzes, country by country, the course of history since 1918. *Zero Hour* deals more fully, perhaps, with the current world situation and is a well-integrated and comprehensive work. As authoritative guidebooks to world affairs, both *Is It Peace?* and *Zero Hour* are the best in their field published since the beginning of the year.

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philosophy. We remember that not long ago anyone who professed faith in democracy was labelled a chauvinist and a tool of the capitalists. Today, we have come to recognize that the forces for good in a democracy are vested with such bright social possibilities that it would be folly to scrap the entire system in the hope that a dictatorship, either by individual or class, can furnish economic emancipation.

This is the theme, broadly speaking, of three new works which have re-discovered America and not found it wanting. Starting with Harold E. Stearns' *America: A Re-appraisal* and on through *A Declaration of Interdependence* by H. A. Overstreet and *Our Ineffective State*, by William H. Hessler, one carries away the conviction that not one of the three authors would trade even the ragged seams of democracy, with all its fuzziness, for a highly-polished, sixteen-cylindered dictatorship.

Mr. Stearns, for example, thoroughly seems to enjoy re-introducing America to Americans. His enthusiasm is not the sour-bellied, nonsensical flag waving, or surface patriotism type, say, of William Randolph Hearst. Nor has he too much of a disposition to close his eyes to the faults of American democracy. Mr. Stearns has the commendable courage to stand up and say exactly what most of us believe and would say, too, if we were not afraid, curiously enough, that we might be ridiculed as naive or lacking in intellectual skepticism. What he says is that the American system is fundamentally sound; that our art, literature, and general culture are not inferior just because they are American; that there is something unexplainably reassuring in being able to yell, shout, sing, scowl, smile, frown, and yawn without fearing internment in a concentration camp.

Mr. Stearns ought to know. He was one of the leaders of the Literary Left who found America intellectually sterile in the early twenties and out of sheer disgust for their countrymen left for the more cultured and appreciative Paris. But Mr. Stearns has completed the cycle. He returned to America several years ago, apparently with the same effect as a man taking off a blindfold in the bright sunlight. For Harold Stearns has at last burst into the daylight of democracy. And he is still rubbing his eyes, not so much because he is unaccustomed to the glare, but because he is almost delightfully confused by the many bright aspects of America that he did not see before. *Re-discovering America*, which he wrote shortly after his return, and now *America: A Re-appraisal* are the results.

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As a psychologist, Dr. Overstreet would begin his plan for an effective democracy by giving Americans a new "key-word" to best express the philosophy of the new Americanism. The French Revolution was dramatized by the words "liberty, equality, fraternity", while America's catch-word in its revolution was "independence". But a new word, Dr. Overstreet believes, is now needed for Americans to reveal the "new enterprise which it is their destiny to undertake".

The word suggested by Dr. Overstreet, as indicated in the title of his book, is "interdependence". It is intended as a synthesis, in its most noble meaning, of independence and dependence. American democracy has its wealthy (independents) and its poverty-stricken (dependents). It has its powerful and its weak. Its exploiters and exploited. In brief, the relationship may be summed up in the phrase, independence *versus* dependence. Dr. Overstreet would resolve these apparently "irreconcilable opposites" into a new synthesis.



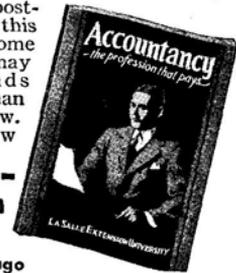
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America's problem, he asserts, can be solved without benefit of "ism". With interdependence as its blueprints, with the growth of consumer cooperatives, and with the careful introduction of public ownership and operation of credit issuance, distribution of electric power, and railroads, America can look forward to a modernized democracy.

A Declaration of Interdependence is sound and stimulating reading. Dr. Overstreet's logic is thoroughly tenable and sharply pointed, as befits his rating as one of our greatest contemporary thinkers. His latest work will please a large following that has been attracted to him through his work as an educator, psychologist, and writer; particularly those who enjoyed his *Guide to Civilized Leisure* and *We Move in New Directions*.

Mr. Hessler's theme in *Our Ineffective State* is that democracy is here to stay; the problem is to examine, modify, and repair it "before it breaks down altogether with subsequent disaster." Like Dr. Overstreet, Mr. Hessler holds a brief with the American system of checks and balances. Dr. Overstreet's argument is not with the system itself, for he believes that it should be extended to the economic area instead of being confined solely to the sphere of politics. Mr. Hessler contends that the entire check and balance method has frustrated the proper operation of democracy. The eighteenth century conception of democracy, with its restrictions and counter-restrictions, does not hold true today, he adds, because present-day democracy must have the machinery and authority to transform the people's needs into action.

This, then, is Mr. Hessler's idea of the "effective" democracy, as compared to the "ineffective"

state in which "conditions are ripe for seizure by ruthless power-crazed realists." The government would be keyed to the thinking of the times and the people. It would be sufficiently strong to meet any challenges of communism or fascism. And it would be directed by a "visionary conservatism" in the form of a "stabilized capitalism, merging almost perceptibly into a collectivism as much to socialism as to capitalism".

One of the forces now working against democracy, Mr. Hessler believes, is the Supreme Court which he describes as the third house of Congress whose specific consent is required before a statute can be put into effect. Those who defend the Constitution above everything else, he predicts, may "save" that document only to see the entire structure of constitutional government collapse "because that adored and exacting written instrument stood between the government and its task."

Mr. Hessler neither minces nor wastes words. His book will be hard swallowing for all who believe that the function of government in a democracy is to govern as little as possible. His viewpoint, explained clearly and without hesitation, is the one which will be represented many times in the great issue now before the nation as to whether our American democracy can best be "effective" by dealing directly and in a forthright manner with social problems or by the slow and deliberate processes of regular constitutional government.

Recovery and Relief

The story of America's present depression and its efforts toward recovery has been told many times but never analyzed as well as in the Brookings Institution report on *The Recovery Problem in the United States* nor interpreted from the human standpoint as well as by Maxine Davis in *They Shall Not Want*.

Exact knowledge and figures pertaining to the economic cycles are of absolute importance and it is to be regretted that they are not used more often by alleged public officers. But there is another phase which is equally important and which is seldom seen in long rows of figures: the human equation. Ideally, a combination of both would seem to be in order. This combination is provided, happily enough, by the Brookings report and Miss Davis' work.

Regardless of its conclusions, which comprise approximately only two percent of its content, but which are critical of the New Deal, *The Recovery Program in the United States* is without question the best record published to date on the subject. Its 700 pages are filled with charts, graphs, and tables. There is no question on the

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The World in Books

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depression or recovery whose answer is a figure or a definite fact that is not covered in the report. It deals with production, money, wages, employment, unemployment, exports, imports, commerce, international trade, and more than a dozen other economic factors. The book is a reference work of definite value.

Miss Davis has concerned herself with the significance of the depression and recovery for those of her countrymen who were forced to look to the Government for their subsistence. She has made no effort to write a scientific, scholarly survey, but looking at the problems of unemployment and relief as a layman, she has attempted

to penetrate clear to the heart of the problem: not the question of what the aggregate relief bill of the nation amounts to, but whether Mr. and Mrs. John Jones and Junior can keep body and soul together on their relief allowance, and Mr. Jones' chances of finding some work—*real* work.

Miss Davis is a flesh-and-blood writer who has no patience with governmental incompetency, hesitation, or fumbling in the administration of relief. She believes that labor exchanges, after the systems so successfully in operation now in Great Britain, should be established as one of the first steps toward combating unemployment. She advocates compulsory unemployment insurance, and a planned relief program modeled on the type of the Swedish system, which maintains a central commission with authority for finally approving or rejecting various schemes originating in the local communities.

MISCELLANEOUS REVIEWS

Roosevelt to Roosevelt by Dwight Lowell Dumond is a comprehensive and exhaustive history of the United States during the twentieth century. Thoroughly progressive and written in the spirit of an enlightened democracy, *Roosevelt to Roosevelt* outlines the economic, social, and political trends since the turn of the century, as seen against a background of American history from the end of the Civil War to 1900.

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History

A. M. Sakolski and M. L. Hoch, the authors of *American Economic Development* address their book to the general group of serious readers, although the work is intended primarily for college use. Dr. Sakolski and Mr. Hoch have chosen the topical form for their method of presentation, clearly a benefit to the lay reader.

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