

FRED G. CLARK and Richard Rimanoczy, authors of those novel and admirable books, *How We Live* and *Money*, have added a third one to the series, entitled, *How To Be Popular Though Conservative*. Like the previous books, it alternates full-page pictures with the simplest statements of sound principles beautifully printed, and it is almost wholly delightful. The picture pages are drawings by Rama Braggiotti, truly superb examples of the artist's craftsmanship and the cartoonist's wit, nearly every one inspired by some solemn thought of the Frontier Thinkers. This is the book you must have, in those moments when the world is too much with you and doesn't seem at all funny. I have laughed till I cried. And the comedy doesn't wear out. Every time you look again at one of these drawings, it's funnier.

In the letterpress you find such sane and simply written statements of basic principles as you found in *How We Live* and *Money*. The authors are dealing, most competently, with the difficulties that an American encounters in argument with a collectivist trained in the Lenin School in Moscow. With two exceptions, every page is education (badly needed) in sound thinking, accurate speaking, and correct tactics in meeting a collectivist opponent.

The two exceptions are shocking and incredible; on pages 87 and 88, these authors endorse the lawless collectivist principles of so-called Social Security and the Sherman Act. This contradiction of all they stand for, and of everything else they have written, is inexplicable. Mr. Clark writes me that they cannot explain it themselves and that they will try to correct the error in future editions. As to "social security," they need only read the caption of the Braggiotti drawing on page 86: "Social security must be when the government takes your money away from you and spends it, and then they take some more from somebody else and pay you back," and consider briefly the question, "What does unrestrained robbery contribute to economic security?" As to the Sherman Act, they need only read it.

Excepting these two pages, *How To Be Popular Though Conservative* is the most practically useful book that you can possibly buy. Every young American in high school or college should learn its ideas, and I know no adult, including me, who will not profit from learning and practicing them. Also, the drawings are pure joy, more refreshing than cold showers.

MAINSRING: *The Story of Human Progress and How NOT To Prevent It*, by Henry Grady Weaver, was briefly mentioned in the December, 1947 Review. It has not appeared on any best-seller list. I have seen no reference to it in the New York book reviews, which booksellers throughout the country read for information on which to base their orders, so I assume that it is unknown in bookshops. In these circumstances, it seems to me interesting that the sale of this book now exceeds

160,000 copies and is not yet flagging. This fact seems to indicate that there is an unsatisfied market for books expressing the American political philosophy. *Mainspring* is written informally, with spirit and humor; it is packed with sound ideas and with historical facts unfortunately not widely known.

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The Red Prussian: The Life and Legend of Karl Marx, by Leopold Schwartzchild; Charles Scribner's Sons, 597 Fifth Ave., New York, 16, N. Y. 407 pp. ref. index. \$4.

Lenin: A Biography, by David Shub; Doubleday and Co., Garden City, N. Y. 387 pp. Appendix; Essentials of Leninism; full notes; index. \$5.

The Roosevelt Myth, by John T. Flynn; Devin Adair Co., 23 East 26th St., New York 10, N. Y.; 435 pp. biblio. ref. index. \$3.50.

How To Be Popular Though Conservative, by Clark and Rimanoczy; D. Van Nostrand Company, Inc., Toronto; 250 Fourth Ave., New York 3, N. Y.; London; 101 pp. 47 full-page drawings by Rama Braggiotti. \$3.50.

Mainspring, by Henry Grady Weaver; Talbot Books, 6432 Cass Ave., Detroit 2, Mich.; 228 pp. biblio. woodcuts and tailpieces by Robert P. Irwin. \$1. Copy of booklet-review obtainable from same address, 5 cents.

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