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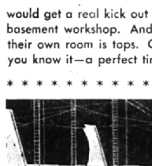
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# BOOKS and REVIEWS

## Liberal Democracy

By Massimo Salvadori. 196 pp. New York: Doubleday & Co., Inc. \$3.00

Reviewed by JOSEPHINE MASON

"This essay has been written to affirm a truth which is easily forgotten, that nothing, not peace, not happiness, not prosperity is as important for all men as liberty."

This statement by Massimo Salvadori, foreign born professor of history at Smith and Bennington colleges, is the key note of his latest book, "Liberal Democracy." It is apparent that "Liberal Democracy," which is translated in many languages, is intended as much for European readers as Americans.

Mr. Salvadori states his case for liberty with the premise that freedom is proper to mankind, and that liberty alone can guarantee not only progress but, in the long run, survival itself. History, he asserts, has made it crystal clear that despotic governments, though they may flourish for many generations, always end in war, poverty, slavery and degradation.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO our forefathers on both sides of the Atlantic had a clearer vision of democracy than we do today. Mr. Salvadori writes, with the result millions have deserved the cause of liberty having the way clear for tyranny.

Humanity has always tended to follow leaders, and today this trend is more menacing than ever before. Among the masters are included monarchs, dictators, oligarchies, nationalists and monopolists.

The basis of a true democracy, according to Salvadori, is the concept that man is an imperfect animal with definitely limited reasoning power. However, it is this reasoning power of the liberal minority, which has made mankind dynamic today. It has helped to liberate serfdom, peonage, and other restrictions on personal liberty which have been taken for granted since the beginning of recorded history.

THIS IS IN CONTRAST to totalitarian governments where man is made a god, and all and the be all in a liberal democracy there are

no set dogmas. In fact, strict adherence to dogma has led to great evil. There are no conclusions or goals in a freedom loving society, only a method. A democracy must always be flexible, able to adjust itself to ever changing conditions.

For example, although capitalism is preferable to other systems, one should not ignore its defects or state dogmatically that only capitalism is compatible with liberty.

Liberal institutions, Mr. Salvadori states, should be based on the following seven pillars: moral equality, personal liberty, liberty of thought and conscience, political liberty, constitutional government, separation of church and state, and separation of state and economy.

THE AUTHOR TRACES our concepts of liberalism and democracy from many sources including Bacon, Voltaire, Lock, Jefferson, and Adam Smith.

We are living in a critical period, Mr. Salvadori concludes. The concepts of liberalism and democracy, who for centuries lived accepting, childlike lives, are now emerging into adolescence, and adolescence in a nation often means fanaticism and violence.

There are no easy answers to the present day crisis but liberty will prevail, the author is convinced, so long as we do not compromise with free minds and their free use, or with the institutions of a society of free and equal citizens.

This reviewer found "Liberal Democracy" an eloquent argument for the case of liberty and democracy in today's disturbed world.

By John Bentley. 251 pp. Philadelphia. J. B. Lippincott Company. \$3.50

Reviewed by BETE GILLESPIE

## The Faster They Go

This is a story of road racing—Le Mans, Monte Carlo, Nurburgring—that starts with a downhill from fourth to second gear right in the middle of the Pan-American Mexican (now discontinued) tour and the hero, Wesley Rich, barely squeaking through a hard right turn.

Rich is a free-lance writer with an itch to race the cars he writes about for motor and racing magazines. Because he starts the action in race driving a Zust (all car names used are fictitious). If you know racing you can read them as the real Jaguars, Ferraris, Mercedes-Benz et al. It takes a little time to get a proper perspective of Rich and the other drivers, team managers and feminine interest.

RICH GOOFS the first time out, in the Mexican, by stopping to rescue a top German driver, Delius, whose car went off the road. Delius is a cool man, both in a car and with two women, an Italian movie actress named Francesca and Hannalore, daughter of the German team manager.

Rich, pursued by Hannalore and being pursued by Francesca, but the latter is not so easily handled on practically a platonic basis definitely incidental to the racing.

A BIT OF INTERNATIONAL intrigue creeps in as Delius disappears in East Berlin, supposedly kidnapped for his knowledge of engineering. Rich travels to the Soviet-occupied sector, ostensibly to do a story on a race car factory but in reality to help rescue Delius.

He is rescued, but not by Rich, and had only been hiding to avoid capture.

Comes the climax, the Nurburgring German Grand Prix, as Rich drives for the Italian team. He and Delius fight it out for the finish line (Rich already had won Hannalore) and the book ends with only a slight twist that once again proves heroes of novels always are good, clean upstanding citizens of notoriously high principles.

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## If Death Ever Slept

By Rex Stout. 186 pp. New York. The Viking Press. \$2.95

Reviewed by JEAN LENESE

Rex Stout's new novel adds another link to his already seemingly endless chain of Nero Wolfe mysteries. Once again the reader finds Archie Goodwin and his irascible boss, Nero Wolfe, solving murders with a sharp eye toward their own private profit.

operator worth upwards of thirty million), and expose her as the "snake" she is accused of being.

When a murder is committed, Nero Wolfe and Archie, reunited, come up with a very satisfactory solution to the mystery after a suitable period of investigation and bafflement.

IN THIS NOVEL, however, as in most of Stout's mysteries, the emphasis is on character—the two main characters—rather than on gripping suspense. Although the plot is an agree-

able setting for Archie's antics and Nero Wolfe's detective genius, the story itself is little more than that. Loosely formed, the plot has no exceptional merit, and by itself does not compare to some of the author's other mysteries.

The minor characters also have been fashioned in rather a slipshod manner. Both story and characters are entirely dominated by Nero Wolfe's great bulk and Archie's irrepressible personality.

NEVERTHELESS, those who enjoy Nero Wolfe will enjoy this novel. Archie is as lively and original as ever, and his observations are witty and concise. "If Death Ever Slept" may not be one of Rex Stout's best novels, but it still belongs to a higher level than a great majority of the murder mysteries written today.

## Great Stories About Show Business

Edited by Jerry D. Lewis. 384 pp. New York: Coward-McCann, Inc. \$5.00

Reviewed by PHIL THOMAS

Both the title and the name of the editor of this fat volume of 27 stories and sketches are slightly misleading.

But even though Jerry D. Lewis is a former sports writer and not the famous comedian and many of the pieces in "Great Stories About Show Business" have only the vaguest connection with show business, this still is an entertaining and valuable collection.

Valuable in that Lewis has selected from the work of some of the most important writers of the recent past and present to illustrate his theme. Entertaining because, without exception, his choices are excellent.

INCLUDED AMONG the famous gallery making up the table of contents are such writing names as John O'Hara, Irwin Shaw, Ray Bradbury, James Thurber, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Sinclair Lewis, Budd Schulberg, George Bernard Shaw and W. Somerset Maugham.

One of the best stories included is Thurber's "The Macbeth Murder History." This short piece deals with a woman who is convinced that entirely new meanings may be found in Shakespeare's plays as they are interpreted by one steeped in modern detective stories.

Other top tales include O'Hara's "Verna," the story of an untalented actress and her death in World War II; Bradbury's "The Illustrated Man," a chilling fantasy about the life and death of a man; Schulberg's "That Old Viennese Schmalz," a biting insight into a Hollywood script writer's lack of morals; and Shaw's "House of Pain," about a young playwright and an aging actress.

book for those who like road racing, and written by a man who understands them because he's been behind the wheel in many.

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