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-Battle Line
-Christian Economics
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-Human Events
-Insight on the News
-Jewish Press
-Latin American Report
-The Marion Forum
-Modern Age
-National Review
-National Review Bulletin
-The New Guard
-New Individualist Review

Where It's *Also* At

A suggested list of periodicals from the "responsible right"

SANFORD BERMAN'S ARTICLE on how to "enrich" library periodical collections (*LJ*, December 15, 1968, p. 4615-18) was unashamedly biased in favor of the left. I am grateful for the opportunity to correct a one-sided presentation by recommending publications of the responsible right in America.

Unlike Mr. Berman, however, I see nothing to be gained in publicizing a paper or magazine which specializes in four-letter words, preaches racial or religious hatred, or expounds totalitarian propaganda. I do not choose to write about such periodicals because to do so would only give them a respect and recognition they do not deserve. It is far better that the lunatic fringe of bigots be ignored.

Clearly, though, there should be no censorship of such materials—by a librarian or anyone else. The First Amendment protects freedom of speech for all, even bigots. The foundation of our democratic heritage demands that a wide variety of belief and unbelief be represented in our society. Only by having access to all shades of opinion will it be possible to engage in the meaningful dialogue we all desire, and achieve what Ernst Angst calls "the viable society."

As a conservative, I can never argue for censorship, only for good judgment. And good judgment demands a fair representation of viewpoints.

Before presenting my list of conservative publications, I must correct Mr. Berman's statement that the right wing does not have dynamic nor numerous spokesmen and periodicals. Well over a thousand papers and magazines can be called "right wing," but whether they can also be called conservative is another matter. Equally, there must be a distinction made about left-wing called liberal.

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Fundamentally, conservatives believe in the principles of democracy and freedom, just as liberals do. The disagreement is only about the means of achieving the full implementation of these desirable goals.

Having read at one time or another most of the periodicals Mr. Berman recommends, it is quite refreshing to turn to a conservative newspaper or magazine and find good grammar, literate commentary on political and social issues, and honest opinions about what can be done to make our society a better place for all people.

In order to maintain the fair balance of politically-oriented journals in libraries, consider several or all of the following:

America's Future, 642 Main St., New Rochelle, N.Y. 10802. Weekly. $5, but free to libraries and educational institutions. (A review of news, books, and public affairs, supporting the belief in the freedom of the individual.) MORI/CDF

Battle Line, 328 Pennsylvania Ave., S.E., Washington, D.C. 20003. Monthly. $10. (Official publication of the American Conservative Union, devoted to interpreting the events in the nation's capital.)

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