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PURPOSES

The Responsible Enterprise Association shall be devoted on a non-profit basis to the service of community leaders in their guidance of public opinion, and to making available to them without commitment beyond signatures of individual authors the considerations, views, and arguments of respectable authorities on timely issues of outstanding importance affecting materially the interests of those individual citizens, business and professional people, who desire self-employment and a substantial degree of decentralized government; so that persons blessed with ambition and a desire for liberty shall not be deprived of their right to compete in a competitive world, to enjoy responsibility and the rights thereby earned, to own and operate such private enterprise as their ability enables them to build, to be free from unreasonable governmental restraint, and to enjoy, preserve, and protect the rights promised us by the Constitution of the United States and similar historic documents.—Quoted from the Constitution of the above-named organization.

If interested in our activities, merely let us know. We will gladly aid the establishment of a local chapter devoted to sound community leadership, the essential prerequisite of freedom that one may strive at all times, and above all things, for one's family and self without unreasonable interference. Those who prefer golfing to "Sunday School Teaching" cannot complain if others, inexperienced in the responsibilities of ownership, teach totalitarian government instead of the rights of competition.

RESPONSIBLE ENTERPRISE ASSOCIATION

Organizers of the Order of Patrick Henry

1232 Majestic Building

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Mr. Gordon D. Hall,
90-08...189th St.,
Hollis 7, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Hall:

Your delightful letter of the 8th has been awaiting time till I could get to it over the load of other work.

Your query is how our organization can "fit in with" some of those groups there, particularly the more vocal emotionalists who comprise the left wing in the fields of political and economic thinking, or who comprise the racially prejudiced, etc.

The answer is that people must never be pressured to meet with others with whom they do not feel comfortable. For illustration, it would be most unwise to attempt forcing Jews into a group who were prejudiced against them. Likewise the negroes. Equally, among a group who felt that such a mixture was a desirable thing, and who therefore were in fact a mixed group, it would be unwise to attempt forcing others to join them who felt oppositely on the point. But let people gather in such groups as those for which Nature has fitted them, and in those groups we will endeavor to be of aid in gathering for their studies the best works on the fundamental rights of the individual. We never deal in personalities. We never sling mud. We discuss only principles, and avoid so far as possible the particular topics to which in any particular group a mental distaste has developed. One can lead a horse to water, but one cannot make him drink. One cannot save a fool from his folly. But if we can get at him by some other route, without his realizing that his particular bete noir is involved, we do not worry about his being disturbed by any inconsistencies he may discover in his own ideas. In other words, if they can be induced to cooperate respecting the fields of study, it must eventually develop that they will ~~become~~ become slowly more like-minded. Neither are we worried about their satisfaction in such credit by quotation as occasion may permit us to give them. Indeed such a satisfaction may in time induce them to collaborate with us.

We shall be very glad indeed to furnish you with all the literature you may care to order, if you are missionary-minded. The prices of quantity supplies are available on each piece of literature, except Declarations of Adulthood -- \$1.00 per hundred. It may interest you to know that our last bulletin (#61) has resulted in a new organization that will undertake to raise funds for its very wide distribution. The enclosed letter did the trick. And we are being forced to grant another chapter, the Vigilance Chapter of the Order of Patrick Henry, privileges recently granted the Apex Chapter,--merely on a different evening. It will mean three evenings a week here in Detroit for our office labor.

Cordially,

Royal D. Rood

But the only real employer is the purchaser in the market place. All other supposed employers are mere agents and intermediaries,—glorified clerks to the purchasers.