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THOSE OF US who would spread the word about freedom should first of all recognize our limitations. Unless these are known, we are certain to waste our energies and more than likely will never approach our potentialities.

Briefly, each of us is confronted with the task of receiving what we do not yet know and of reporting what we believe we know — a problem in communications.

Each person, it seems, is at once a receiver and a transmitter and can, for the purpose of illustration, be compared to a ham operator's radio rig. The "ham" tries continuously to obtain — to build himself or scrape up money to buy — a better receiver and also a more powerful, more efficient transmitter.



The individual as a receiving set

The set of three decades ago could tune in very few frequencies and its amplifier, judged by today's standards, was relatively impotent. Similarly, many persons in their present state are unable to tune in to the frequencies of more than a few individuals. Because their tuning range is narrow and their amplification is weak, they remain outside the radiation of the earth's most thoughtful persons, having not the dimmest notions of what the wiser among mankind have written or are saying.

But, as the frequency range and amplification of ham receiving sets have increased, so is it possible for each person to move into new radiations, by tuning in and amplifying personal frequencies heretofore not per-

ceived. It becomes possible to grasp the meaning of previously meaningless ideas and ideals. The mind of man as a receiving set is greatly expansible. There are, of course, inherited or congenital limitations but, otherwise, conscious effort, education, and intelligent discrimination as to what one reads, with whom one associates, and the subjects chosen for discussion can work wonders. In short, much depends on what is consciously fed the mind.

In principle, at least, we can get a cue as to our own receptive potentialities by observing how crude AM receivers of a few years ago have been replaced with today's superheterodyne receivers. Also, personal experiences can shed some light on this matter. For example, I remember the first sentence I was able to read: "I see a robin." Improvement since that time has not been because other human broadcasting stations stooped to that early infantile level of mine, but because I have found ways to tune in and to amplify their frequencies, to move within the range of their radiations. Words