

## LETTER

Dear Sir:

In his review in your [February] issue of my book on *The Political and Social Doctrines of the Unity of Czech Brethren in the Fifteenth and Early Sixteenth Centuries* (1957), Professor Roucek makes two criticisms of my treatment of the subject:

(1) That I have not dealt adequately with the Unity of Brethren's political and social doctrines (and of those of Komenský in particular) in the seventeenth and subsequent centuries. My book, however, as a glance at the title would show, is concerned with the fifteenth and early sixteenth centuries!

(2) Professor Roucek writes: "Brock is entirely wrong when claiming 'only two books have been written within the last century which deal specifically with the story of the Unity,' i.e., the histories by de Schweinitz and Hutton. And, to disprove my statement, he asks: "Should not Brock have mentioned such works as F. G. Heymann's *John Žižka and the Hussite Revolution* (1955) or Edward Langton's *History of the Moravian Church* (1956), or Jan Herben's *Huss and His Followers* (1926)."

This is most puzzling since:

(a) Heymann's book (which is in fact mentioned on p. 31, n. 16, as being "only available to me after completion of the present book") is almost entirely devoted to the life of a man who died over thirty years before the *foundation* of the Unity;

(b) Langton's history was published, as might have been seen from the dating of my preface, only about the time my book went to press;

and (c) all that Herben's book (which deals mainly with an earlier period) has on the Unity consists of ten pages on its first hundred years and short biographical sketches of Chelčický, Blahoslav and Komenský!

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