

Errors in *Intrepid*...

I read Mr. Glazebrooke's review of *A Man Called Intrepid* in the July/August issue of *International Perspectives* with great interest.

By and large I find myself in agreement with his comments, but I am a little disgruntled at the uncritical approach to both the subject and the book. I find it intriguing to "estimate" the reason for the timing of this publication so close to *Bodyguard of Lies*, *The Ultra Secret* and the like, and I was not sure when I finished reading the book whether the author's aim was to suggest that Sir William Stephenson was a puppeteer pulling the strings of Churchill and Roosevelt on his strings.

More serious perhaps is the reviewer's omission of any comment as to blatant errors in the text, which cast some doubt on the veracity of the whole work, particularly as there are no footnotes or citations to indicate where the innumerable quotations come from.

They surely are not all from Stephenson's private papers. One's suspicions are intensified reading at p. 191 that Lester Pearson was not only "a future Prime Minister of Canada", but also "Secretary-General of the United Nations". Also, at page 32 there is reference to a letter from Roosevelt in 1933 to "Britain's socialist Prime Minister, Ramsay Macdonald". The Labour Government ended in 1931 and in 1933 Macdonald was leader of the National Labourites was heading a National Government.

When one finds such glaring errors on simple issues, one cannot help but have doubts as to the reliability of the work. And what of matters of which one does not have direct knowledge.

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