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23. — RORTY (Richard), ed. *The Linguistic Turn; Recent Essays in Philosophical Method*, ed. with an Introduction by R. Rorty. Chicago, University of Chicago Press, 1967. 24 cm, 393 p., \$ 10.00.

This book contains 37 selections by 29 persons and 2 discussion groups, arranged under 4 topics; a preface and Introduction by the editor; and a bibliography of 985 entries of writings (mostly) in English on linguistic method in philosophy and related issues, which have appeared (roughly) in the period 1930-1965. (The valuable *Bibliography* by Jerome Neu and R. Rorty includes discussions comparing linguistic and other philosophical methods, and references to other extensive bibliographies; it excludes case studies of the application of linguistic methods. Extensive cross-references among bibliographic entries and among selections are provided.) — All selections have appeared in print elsewhere (some translated into English for the first time here; some contain minor revisions), all between 1932 and 1965. Topics and contributors include: « Classic Statements of the Thesis that Philosophical Questions are Questions of Language », Moritz Schlick, Rudolf Carnap (2 selections), Gustav Bergmann, Gilbert Ryle, John Wisdom, Norman Malcolm; « Metaphilosophical Problems of Ideal-Language Philosophy », Irving Copi (2), Bergmann, Max Black, Alice Ambrose Lazerowitz, Roderick Chisholm, James W. Cornman, Willard v. O. Quine; « Metaphilosophical Problems of Ordinary-Language Philosophy », Chisholm, John Passmore, Grover Maxwell and Herbert Feigl, Manley Thompson, Richard Hare, Paul Henle, Peter Geach, Cornman, J.O. Urmson, Stuart Hampshire, Urmson and G. Warnock, Stanley Cavell, Stuart Hampshire; « Recapitulations, Reconsiderations, and Future Prospects », Dudley Shapere, Hampshire, Urmson, the Royaumont Colloquium (2), P.F. Strawson, Black, Jerrold J. Katz, Yehoshua Bar-Hillel.

The introductory essay (the longest selection in the book) starts with an insightful comparison of various other revolutions in philosophy with that of « linguistic philosophy » — the view that philosophical problems may be (dis)solved either by reforming present language, or by understanding it better. He then discusses some of the attempts to justify this view, examines the claimed presuppositionless character of linguistic philosophy, mediates the internecine battles of the ordinary and ideal language camps, and prognosticates the future of philosophy subsequent to its present linguistic turnings. — This collection and bibliography should prove useful not only for the sophisticated follower of linguistic philosophy but especially for those whose acquaintance with the discipline is solely through the tawdry jokes and shallow asides of its more contemptuous critics.

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