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IN his article on Moore's ethical views in the October number of *MIND*, 1961, Broad refers to Moore's statement in the Schilpp volume that he was strongly inclined to hold that, when a person says "X is right," he is not asserting anything that could be true or false, and to Moore's further admission that he could not say whether his own inclination to hold this view was stronger or weaker than his inclination to retain his old view.<sup>1</sup> I think I ought to mention that Moore completely retracted this statement in the later years of his life (and here Blanshard would confirm what I say). Moore told me orally that he still held to his old view, and further that he could not imagine whatever in the world had induced him to say that he was almost equally inclined to hold the other view. How far he still was from Stevenson was brought out still more strikingly in the course of the conversation when he said he thought that true judgments of intrinsic value were all "logically necessary". (They would of course have to be synthetic *a priori* on his view.) I do not remember precisely when this conversation took place, but I have no doubt it was in the last five years or so of his life.

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## WITTGENSTEIN AND THE VIENNA CIRCLE

I WRITE in order to correct a factual mistake in Mr. K. W. Rankin's otherwise excellent review in *MIND*, vol. lxxi, No. 281, of 'The Philosophy of C. D. Broad' in what I may call 'Schilpp's Library of *Moribund* Philosophers'.

At the end of the first paragraph of page 123 Mr. Rankin speaks of '... the factually inept quip (pp. 811-812) which moves him' (C.D.B.) 'as late as 1955 to identify Wittgenstein with the Vienna Circle'. In the next sentence he adds: 'A legitimate lack of sympathy with his younger colleagues does not mitigate this degree of misrepresentation. ...'

May I say that this is a complete mare's nest? I very much doubt whether the 'quip' in question (which is explicitly concerned with *phenomenalists*, and refers only obliquely to Wittgenstein) can reasonably be made to bear the inference which Mr Rankin draws from it. But, however that may be, I was well aware that Wittgenstein would have indignantly repudiated membership of, or affiliation with, the Vienna Circle, and I had not the faintest intention of suggesting anything to the contrary.

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<sup>1</sup> *MIND*, vol. 70, p. 443.