

Education makes no pretense of "presenting both sides" of the socialist question. The staff members are opposed to socialism — call it governmental intervention, fascism, communism, the welfare state, common ownership for the good of all the people, or whatever. Since they are convinced that socialism is evil, they themselves would necessarily become evil by their own standards if they repeated the fallacies and clichés offered by the socialists in defense of their position.

We're Only Human

The Foundation would no more think of deliberately sponsoring socialist thought than would a minister think of sharing his pulpit with the devil in order that "the people may have the advantage of hearing both sides of the issue." There is no moral obligation—and there should be no legal obligation — upon any person to advance, present, or sponsor ideas which he considers false or evil. This, of course, doesn't mean that FEE is always right and hasn't made mistakes. Since we're only human, we've naturally made our full share of mistakes in both policy and ideas! But when our readers point them out to us — as they frequently do — we admit them and continue our search for more

understanding and better explanations.

The Location

The Foundation for Economic Education is housed in a rambling old country home at Irvington-on-Hudson, New York — about 20 miles north of New York City.

The Staff

The Foundation staff is headed by Leonard E. Read, who had spent many years in Chamber of Commerce work and had served as executive vice-president of the National Industrial Conference Board. Among those assisting him are Drs. F. A. Harper and W. M. Curtiss, former professors of marketing at Cornell University; Dr. Ludwig von Mises, famed Austrian economist whose time is divided between the Foundation and his professorship at New York University; Dr. Paul Poirot, former business economist; Dr. Ivan Bierly, former businessman and professor; Thomas Shelly, veteran teacher of history and economics in high school; Miss Bettina Bien, with experience in foreign trade and editorial work; Frank Chodorov, well-known author and editor; Charles Hull Wolfe, former creative executive with a leading advertising agency; and Reverend Edmund A. Opitz, an ordained

minister who has studied widely in economic and political science. The Foundation is further staffed by persons skilled in the handling of publications, mailings, library research, records and accounts, secretarial work, and other tasks vital to its operation. There are 50 full-time employees.

Needless to say, the Foundation staff has grown and there have been changes in personnel since 1946. Such change is not unusual, particularly within a group in search more of freedom and its opportunities than security and its betrayals. To help individuals discover their potentialities and then to release them to new and greater opportunities in industry, journalism, teaching, and other occupations is considered an important function of the Foundation.

The Trustees

The 37-man Board of Trustees is now headed by B. E. Hutchinson, former vice-president and chairman, Finance Committee, Chrysler Corporation. The Trustees are drawn from all sections of the nation. They are mostly leaders in industrial and academic work, with one or more representatives from the publishing and communication fields.

While the Trustees advise on

general policies of operation, they do not sit as an editorial board. A list of Trustees is available.

Publications

The primary objective and leading activity of the Foundation is the compilation and publication of a literature on freedom — by current writers as well as the classical authorities.

During its early years of operation, FEE published well over 200 items on the problems and philosophy of freedom, ranging from single sheets to books. Single copies of each item were sent to any person who had asked to be on FEE's mailing list. A descriptive list of publications is available.

The literature of freedom carries an appeal to almost every age and interest. A sample of the scope and quality of FEE's work is well presented in two volumes of *Essays On Liberty* — collections in book form of previously published shorter articles.

The Freeman

The publication program of FEE was somewhat modified in mid-1954 with the acquisition of THE FREEMAN, a libertarian journal of opinion. Through 1955, this journal under Frank Chodorov's editorial guidance was circulated