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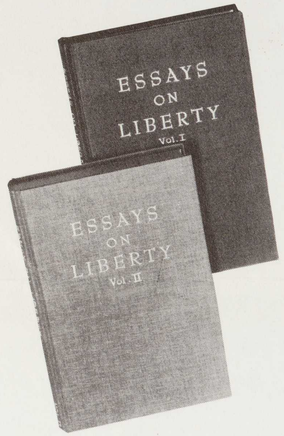

ACCOMPLISHED

When FEE began in 1946, there didn't exist a consistent literature of the private property, free exchange, limited government philosophy written in modern American idiom. No philosophy is likely to be practiced without a literature.

Among FEE's aims is the creation of a libertarian library — books for study and reference purposes.

In 1952 we published *Essays on Liberty,* Volume I. This 307-page book contains selections of our shorter essays and articles. In 1954 we published Volume II, 442 pages.

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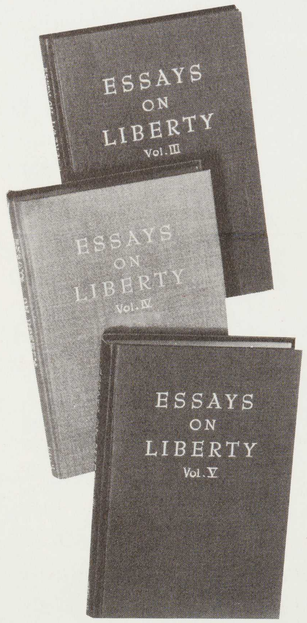
AND NOW 3 MORE VOLUMES?



PROPOSAL

A selection of the best short essays and articles published by FEE since 1954 suggests the publication of Volumes III, IV, and V, 448 pages each, indexed, and with the same quality printing and binding as Volumes I and II. The regular price on III, IV, and V will be $2.00 each in paper; $3.00 each in cloth.

Whether or not to publish these three volumes is the question. Won't you help us decide?

How many sets (III, IV, and V) at the prepublication price of $5.00 per set in paper or $7.00 in cloth will you order for September 1958 delivery — it being understood that we will publish only if the total orders warrant this project?

USE: One's own library; all business and public libraries; gifts to students, teachers, clergy, friends, business and professional associates.

Anyone wishing to pay for sets to be presented as gifts by FEE, instead of by self, to students, teachers, and clergy need only instruct us.

Use reply card if you favor the proposal. We will notify everyone who places an order by May 20, 1958, whether the total orders warrant going to press.

selves. It is a matter of personal choice. That many of us in our listening, in our talk, in our cocktail parties, even in our reading, feed on the stuff that "waters the weeds of the mind" is an interesting commentary on how blessings can be maltreated. There are reasons to believe that blessings cannot forever be abused in this manner. These blessings — these mechanical marvels we enjoy — have been made widely available with but minor effort on the part of each, such are the wonders wrought by a free society. If, however, the free society is perverted, if its delicate exchange relationships are seriously impaired, these blessings can be lost as easily and as quickly as they appeared upon the American scene. But, unfortunately, those persons who refuse studiously to reflect on these problems can never have any awareness of this impending danger.

Time is not running out on us — any more than is the atmosphere. If we contaminate the air we breathe, have we a right to complain about the absence of fresh air? Time is in abundant supply; each day still has 24 hours. The fact that we use 140,000,000,000 man-hours annually to view TV and additional billions of man-hours for other forms of entertainment and indulgence is no basis for claiming a lack of time to educate ourselves. The plaint that "time is running out" has nothing to do with actual time supply. It has only to do with how we choose to use our supply of time.

> The sad and irrefutable fact is that the choice of the American public is going so heavily in favor of entertainment that we may, as the saying goes, eventually "kill ourselves" laughing. . . .
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> Despite the fact that we have the highest level of formal education in the world, fewer people buy and read books in this nation than in any other modern democracy. . . . The discouraging fact is that our high school and college trained citizens read so few books of a serious nature.
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> In a recent survey of college graduates which I undertook, it was discovered that five out of every six had not done any reading of a serious nature in the few months just prior to the interview . . . only a little more than half — 55% — could name any recently published book which they would like to read . . . three out of four could not name the author of *Wealth of Nations* — From a speech by George Gallup, April 1953.

State interventionism will continue to grow except as more of us better understand its fallacy and more clearly comprehend the benefits of freedom. Understanding and comprehension are the ingredients of learning. It would seem to follow, then, that there is no other approach to interventionism's riddance than education. The educational approach seems "too slow" only because of the way we are choosing to employ our time. If education is the only remedy, then there can be no faster one.

Thanks — BUT DON'T QUIT NOW

During the past twelve months, friends of FEE sent us 53,502 names and addresses of individuals thought to have an interest in our educational activities. Each one received *The Freeman* for three months, a brochure descriptive of FEE, and an invitation to be placed on our mailing list. Of this number, 8,718, or 16.3 per cent, accepted — a most gratifying response. This is a sound method for keeping FEE a dynamic operation, of bringing new faces, so to speak, into the freedom picture. *Please continue to send us names and addresses of persons who, in your opinion, are interested in reversing present state interventionist trends.*