The Commitment Continues: Programs and People

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1. *Participants and staff, summer seminar at FEE.*

2. *Carl Helstrom arranging book display.*

3. *Bettina Bien Greaves at her desk.*

4. *The Reverend John Williams (seated) and Bumper Hornberger planning regional supper seminars.*

5. *Joan Astuto and Kathleen Walsh processing publication orders in accounting department.*

6. *The Reverend Edmund Opitz (left) conversing with participants from last summer's Theological Conference at FEE.*

7. *Freeman Senior Editor Beth Hoffman checks a last-minute production detail.*

8. *Freeman Senior Editor Brian Summers does final editing on a manuscript.*

visible, and any effort to fragment it may be misleading, if not disastrous.

A key idea in the concept of this Foundation is that the "mass education and mass opinion," about which there is so much concern, must follow the understanding which grows out of deeper study in the form of clear and simplified explanations. This basic research and a resulting literature are precisely what have been lacking. In one sense, it is something like the automobile; its mass ownership and use was attained only after the careful work of inventors and engineers and manufacturers made it possible. Almost anyone can now own and operate a car—about which he knows very little—except how to enjoy its use.

We of the Foundation staff do not in any sense claim that our studies and writings have revealed all the answers. We are well aware that in our lifetimes we can at best only scratch the surface of this perplexing and all-important subject. We propose only to continue an uncompromising search for truth and to make the results available in printed form to whoever wants them.

Since we are persuaded by study and research that right and wrong cannot be determined by a show of hands, we do not and will not advocate basing such decisions upon the vote of the majority.

Since government ownership of the means of production is wrong in our judgment, we do not and will not advocate some "proper percentage" of government ownership.

Since we believe that a man's religious faith, or the earning of his livelihood, or the management of his business, is his own personal responsibility, we do not and will not try to be "practical" or "politically expedient" by urging some measure of governmental aid or intervention in these matters.

We will always attempt to suggest means which are consistent with, rather than in contradiction to, those objectives which seem to us proper. We deal only in principles which, if correct, are eternal and timeless and independent of the particular stage of advancement of any given society.

Under no circumstances will The Foundation for Economic Education ever knowingly adopt or endorse a philosophy of "compromise."

All of us are very proud of the Foundation's lengthy tradition as a champion of the free society, and we recognize our personal responsibility to maintain the great accomplishments of this Foundation.

Our dedication to FEE's educational method of self-improvement is as firm as ever. Through our monthly journal, *The Freeman*, *Notes from FEE*, special publications, seminars, and student programs, we continue to make our materials available to any interested individual for the asking.

Our capacity to continue in our work of advancing the free society is made possible by your support. Therefore, we want to take this opportunity in our year-end issue of *Notes from FEE* to thank all of you for making this institution and its educational materials available to our friends of the free society.

—Robert G. Anderson

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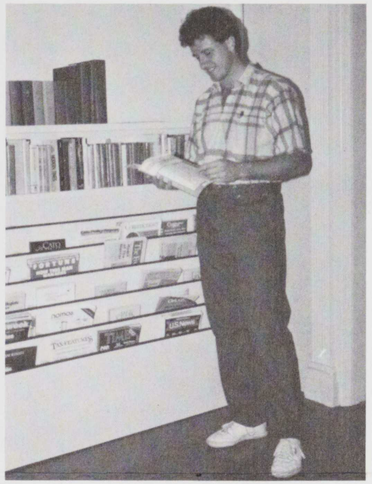

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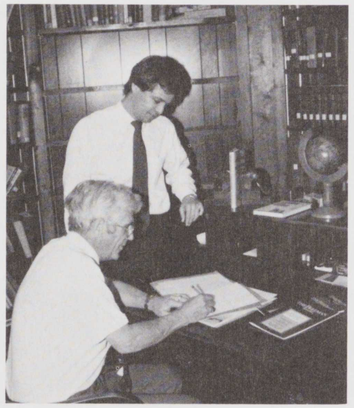

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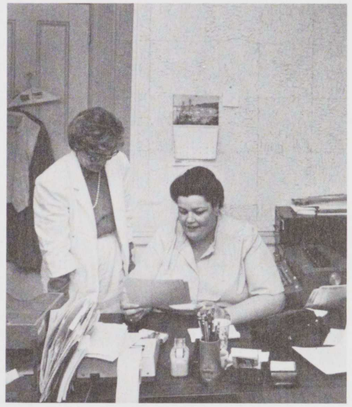

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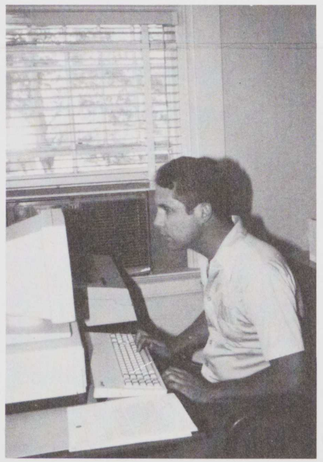

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