University's economics faculty joined him. Both men were experienced in spreading the ideals of freedom, one in the business world and the other in the educational world. They were shortly joined by others, including among the present staff: Dr. W. M. Curtiss from Cornell University; Dean Russell, journalist and World War II veteran; Dr. Paul L. Poirot, former OPA and industrial economist; Dr. Ivan R. Bierly, an economist who had been in retail business; Thomas J. Shelly, longtime teacher of history and economics in the Yonkers, New York, High School; and James Rogers whose experience includes being a minister, radio producer, and personnel manager in a large equipment manufacturing company for ten years. Professor Ludwig von Mises, famous Austrian economist, serves part time on the staff and part time in the Graduate School of New York University. The Foundation is unusually fortunate in having in its employ several skilled persons to handle publications, mailings, library research, records, secretarial work, and other tasks vital to its operation.

A notable Board of Trustees, now headed by Dean Vincent Lanfear of the University of Pittsburgh, includes 29 representatives of the academic and business fields. The Board selects the president, who is responsible for the management of the organization. The Board members also advise on the general policies of operation. None of the Board except the president receives any compensation for service to the Foundation.

The Foundation is designed to serve as a clearing house in research and education, and as a spark plug for a renewed interest in freedom that is spreading across the nation and into faraway lands. Perhaps the most rapid increase in interest lately has been among teachers and students in schools and colleges, and among clergymen. Some speak of the Foundation's work as the adult education of the educators and leaders of thought. In any event, members of the Foundation staff have felt that friendly cooperation with such persons is essential to the success of their project, and their effort has been unique in its field in gaining the respect of thoughtful persons in educational centers. Such development of respect for the source of information is the essential first step in any educational endeavor.

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. And this basic research is precisely what has been lacking. It is something like the automobile; its mass ownership and use was attained only after the careful work of inventors and engineers made it possible. Almost anyone can now own and operate a machine about which he knows very little -- except how to enjoy its use.

Perhaps the leading activity of the Foundation is the publication of classics in the literature of freedom -- large and small, new and old. Among its authors are many of the greatest libertarian thinkers of all time. For instance, the