solve. Have this in mind: The more persons you can interest to the point where they themselves will request placement on the mailing list, the better is the chance that we can justify your faith in our work.

3. FEE's releases reach many more persons than at first meets the eye. Our policy of granting permission to reprint without request attends to this. It occurs in the form of reprinted articles, letters, speeches, and the like. As an example, a recent release, The Price of Price Controls, was reprinted in many journals here and abroad. The Reader's Digest, for instance, reprinted it in its domestic and foreign editions with a circulation of some 15 million. But the circulations of other versions like the following from an Amsterdam newspaper remain unknown to us:

Gevolgen van prijscontrôle (II)

Gezond verstand

door Irving S. Olds

ALLEEN in India eigenlijk vinden wij een sprankje nam het Amerikaanse Continentale Congres een officiële resolutie aan, waarin werd verklaard: „Door ondervinding is

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Here is a news item that will delight any libertarian: In October we received a letter from the State Prison Colony, Norfolk, Massachusetts, stating that the prison debate team was to vie with Cambridge University (England) in December on the affirmative side of the proposition: "This House regrets the advance to the Welfare State." We were informed that the prison library was short on helpful material, and FEE was asked to lend a hand. We sent the boys "the works." The judges--a member of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, the Dean of the Boston University School of Law, and a V.P. of Tufts College--voted 2 to 1 in favor of the logic of the debaters from the State Prison Colony against the Welfare State!

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Typical--from South Dakota--"I am a high school teacher and feel very strongly that this literature is beyond words a source of good to my classroom."

Typical--from Pennsylvania--"I certainly appreciate such an organization as yours. I not only study your publications, but incorporate them in my sermons and study classes."

Not typical, but gratifying--from Virginia--"As one who disagrees, I feel that your material is on a high plane, reasonably presented--I emphasize different values."

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Recently a more than usually talented libertarian lady asked me: "Why is it that our philosophy sounds so harsh, so severe, and the collectivist philosophy sounds so humanitarian?" My reply, I believe, was accurate but inadequate: "It is only because you and I do not know how to explain the libertarian philosophy in humanitarian terms." A good question for anyone to ask himself is: "How well can I demonstrate the humanitarian aspects of the free market and limited government?" We'll be coming along with some ideas from FEE, but in the meantime, we shall be looking for explanations superior to those we can make. Any suggestions?

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A good quote from Thomas Paine: "Every man must finally see the necessity of protecting the rights of others as the most effectual security for his own."

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Many have asked for brief biographical sketches of those who make up the senior staff of FEE. The information is now in multilithed form and is anyone's for the asking.

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Intercollegiate extemporaneous speaking contests are featuring the topic: "How Can We Most Effectively Combat the Threat of Communism?" To lend a hand, Bettina Bien of our staff has prepared an excellent bibliography. Let us know if you want a copy.

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No one of us remembers the time, but we all remember the line that had its electrifying effect: "I know not what course others may take, but as for me...." Sam Pettengill, one of our greats in constitutional history, told me recently that Patrick Henry had delivered substantially the same speech scores of times before. On all previous occasions, it had no more effect than most speeches. Then came a concurrence of circumstances--perhaps the way he delivered it, his audience, the tensions of the people--and an idea took root. Isn't there a lesson in this for those of us who toil in the libertarian vineyard and who wonder why our philosophy doesn't "catch on" more readily?

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Even the term "libertarian" is a broad generality, lacking in exactness. No two of us will agree precisely on all matters. One point of sharp disagreement is found in that area of protectionism having to do with tariffs. FEE is about to release a well-done critique, The Tariff Idea, by my staff associate, W. M. Curtiss. Some friends of FEE may wonder how we dare to do this in view of the fact that quite a number of our supporters are tariff proponents. The answer is in two parts: (1) Honest research requires accurate reporting of all findings in fact and reason, and (2) tariff devotees who support FEE are more interested in our consistency than in any pleading for "exceptions" or special privileges. We pursue a maxim of our own making: "We shall never regret being honest."

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