the study of freedom

EVERYBODY says he's in favor of freedom. Even the leaders of communist Russia claim to be the only real defenders of *true* human freedom. Peace and freedom are their favorite words, just as the same words are used constantly by our own leaders. Yet, freedom of choice in the daily lives of the people is strait-jacketed, not only in Russia but in the United States as well, and "peace" describes a period of armed truce between major wars.

Why? Apparently it's because we don't know what freedom is. We don't understand the fact that small-scale compulsions within nations tend to grow into large-scale violence among nations. The person who desires to impose his will and viewpoint upon his neighbors in small ways "for their own good" is well on his way toward imposing his ideas upon all people in large ways, "for the good of mankind."