CHAPTER XIX

HOPE VERSUS FEAR

1. How, according to Henry Grady Weaver, has economic and spiritual progress in America been the result of individual freedom? Pages 238-240.

2. On page 239 Mr. Weaver says that government monopoly is *total monopoly*. What, specifically, does he mean? Why, in his opinion, is that undesirable? In your opinion, is a socialist government a total monopoly? Explain. Why, according to the author, is private monopoly less of an evil than a government monopoly?

3. Hope and fear have been motivating forces in America's economic development. How? Pages 240-241. Fear, however, is *the* motivating force in the totalitarian state. How?

4. "What governmental bureau back in the 1890's would have picked Henry Ford, the powerhouse helper to pioneer the production of low-priced automobiles?" asks Mr. Weaver on page 242. How does he answer his question? Read chapter IX in *The Spirit of Enterprise* by Edgar M. Queeny.

5. "You can't order a person to have an inspiration," says the author on page 243. Why does he call this "a stubborn fact"?

6. What government bureau selected Eli Whitney to invent the cotton gin? Thomas Edison, the electric light bulb? Pages 243-244. How, then, were they selected?

7. Why is competition a stimulus to: (a) the genius (b) the "runners-up"? Page 244.

8. On page 245 the author says: "The reward may take various forms." Give his explanation. Are you in agreement? Explain.

9. "Here in America, the consumers play a role which extends considerably beyond the function of providing a market." Page 246. What is the author's meaning here?

10. ". . . the responsiveness of 145,000,000 *free people* provides American industry with a better proving ground than could ever be set up as an adjunct to any factory, in either peace or war." Page 249. Do you agree? Before you answer, read "The Brink of Disaster" on pages 247-248 and "A Successful Gadget" on pages 248-249.

11. On page 250 the author says "but America is not Germany." Why, specifically, does he make this statement? How does he explain it?

12. "Before the war, Americans consumed: 40 per cent of the world's salt." Page 252. What, according to Mr. Weaver, has this to do with freedom?

CHAPTER XX

MORAL VERSUS MATERIAL

1. "America's outstanding progress in the realm of material things is the result of an approach which was based on sound moral principles . . ." Page 253. Give Mr. Weaver's explanation of this statement.

2. Read the section entitled "Vountary Co-operation" on pages 254-255. You may then want to read: *Bargaining* by Paul L. Poirot; *Legalized Immorality* by Clarence Manion; *My Freedom Depends on Yours* by Dean Russell. These three pieces spell out the ideas expressed in "Voluntary Co-operation."

3. On page 255, Mr. Weaver raises three questions. He then proceeds to give his answers to those questions on pages 256-260. Do you agree with those answers? Explain.

4. In connection with Mr. Weaver's answer on pages 258-259, to the third one of the questions he asked on page 255, you may want to read *Show Me Any Other Country* by Betty Knowles Hunt. This is a pamphlet of 15 pages in which Mrs. Hunt shows that it was not by following the wrong systems that America became "the bread basket, the factory, the bank, and the hope of the world."

5. Why does Mr. Weaver place so much emphasis on *opportunities*? Pages 259-260.