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YOU may be one who shares a strong conviction with the Staff and Trustees of FEE: The American economic, social, moral, and political situation is not in apple-pie order. True, the country manages to get along materially in an affluent manner for the time being, but it is obvious to some individuals that this seeming well-being stems from a momentum generated during days when freedom was more respected and practiced than now. That the U.S.A. is headed for trouble is so plain that it scarcely needs mentioning to a discerning person.

Nonetheless, you may, as an acquaintance develops with FEE's works, have several surprises in store.

First, many of the ideas presented may turn out to be new to you – some of them almost shocking. These ideas may sound strange because they will be rigorously consistent with freedom, and the principles of human freedom are all but forgotten, so far down the socialistic drain has our thinking fallen!

Second, you will read very little in FEE's journal, *The Freeman*, its books, and other publications that resembles current discussions in the press, on radio or TV; that is, FEE will have no advice on how to build our little economic and social distortions into a constructive whole. FEE's chairman, William Dykes, has written to the point, "Big wars from little errors grow." And, it might be added, economic catastrophies spring from little socialistic ideas. No one at FEE knows how to juggle them into sensible arrangement, which is to say, no one at FEE knows how to make socialism work; indeed, does anyone know?

There simply is no reversing our present unholy trend toward all-out statism except by an ideological renaissance, except as right ideas come into knowledge and practice. The purpose of FEE's presentations is to generate fuel for such a renaissance; it is to recapture the forgotten ideas on which individual and social well-being depend; it is to rediscover the ideal.

Odd as it may seem, FEE will never tell you how to conduct war; instead, the aim is to learn how the free market makes for peace.

FEE will have no counsel on political parties; instead, the Staff tries to grasp and explain the promise implicit in limited government.

FEE takes no sides on legislation; instead, an attempt is made to gain an awareness of the principles that should underlie all law.

FEE offers no "anticommunistic" projects; instead, the object is to see through the political smog and to discover the similarities of democratic and totalitarian socialism.

FEE gives no counsel on how to manipulate the masses or how to cast others in one's own little image; instead, the emphasis is on making each individual worthy of emulation.

And, further, on the positive side, FEE offers as the only antidote to the U.S.A.'s drift into dreaded statism the principles and practices of the free market, private property, and limited government – plus the moral foundations on which these rest.

SO, should you decide to join with the Staff and Trustees of FEE and tens of thousands of others as a student of liberty, do yourself one favor: Reflect on these freedom ideas, not as to how they can be put into practice but, rather, on the sole question, *Are they wrong or are they right?* If they are right, and you and others believe them to be right, then, count on it, the right practices will follow. Merely keep in mind that individuals act in response to what they are, and that they are what they believe.