

## REMINISCENCES

During the past thirty seven years I have spent a lot of time at the typewriter -- as witness the attached Read bibliography. The list includes a number of books with their chapter headings and many articles, pamphlets, and other brevities. Words, words, words! My purpose in compiling this inventory is to give some relief to a flagging recall. I repeat myself enough as it is!

Why have I made so many critical passes at authoritarianism and attempts to explain the freedom philosophy? The truth is, I cannot resist reacting to authoritarianism and trying to make the case for freedom. To elaborate:

A young grandson spent the summer with us. It wasn't that he was merely sloppy; he was energetically sloppy! In exasperation, I exclaimed, "Learn to complete your transactions; if you open a door, close it; if you drop something, pick it up;" and so on. This experience was the origin of "Economics for Boys and Girls." It should have been entitled "Economics for Boys and Girls - and Adults!

Sloppy thinking doesn't disturb me that much when volunteered by the individual on a take-it-or-leave-it basis. I can leave it! But when it is energetically pushed upon me through political coercion, as during the past four decades, my life has been and remains one reaction after another. Frankly, I can't help it! I resist coercive encroachments against my own or anyone else's freedom.