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“Socialism—no private property, no free exchange, no profit and loss system—gains because there is so little persuasive opposition to it. Millions who temperamentally lean away from socialism as a theory fail to stand consistently against it in practice. They are for free enterprise, but! Not understanding, or living by, or being able to explain the principles of the market, they limit themselves to sputtering and fuming against the effects of socialism and, thus, attract no one away from socialism and toward freedom. Such conduct deafens ears and closes eyes to their ministrations; socialism grows by default! . . .

“Let each individual who would effectively combat socialism become an accomplished thinker, talker, even writer, of the freedom philosophy himself. The role of *FEE*’s staff is to aid those who are looking to their own improvement, that is, to do the research, to develop the rationale, to select and publish the finest material on freedom that can be found, to lecture and conduct seminars, and to make these aids available to anyone who expresses a desire to cope with the socialistic menace. . . .

“The Foundation is an institution dedicated to explaining the basic principles which underlie willing as opposed to unwilling exchange, to the proposition that individual choice, expressed in a free market, is essential to liberty and is the source of economic progress. Explaining the nature, the function, and the manner in which government should be limited is a necessary preface to understanding freedom of choice and, therefore, is a primary Foundation purpose.”

LEONARD READ was born on a farm in Michigan. Having the background of a 102-hour work week from 11 to 18, he maintains that "economic progress, not law, has lessened child labor."

At 19, his formal education was interrupted when he joined the Aviation Section of the Signal Corps. Following his service in England, France, and Germany during World War I, he sold insurance, worked as a cashier, then opened his own wholesale produce business. In 1927 he began a career in chamber of commerce work as secretary of a small organization. He then served for ten years as manager of the National Chamber's Western Division and, in 1939, became the General Manager of the Los Angeles Chamber, the largest of them all. In 1945 he was named Executive Vice-president of the National Industrial Conference Board. He left the NICB in 1946 to organize and to become President of the Foundation for Economic Education.

Leonard Read is one of the founders of the Mont Pelerin Society. As a spokesman of the freedom philosophy, he has lectured widely throughout this country and abroad.

Besides numerous magazine articles in *The Freeman* and elsewhere in the American and foreign press, his works include the books listed on the back page.

Romance of Reality (o.p.)
Pattern for Revolt
Instead of Violence
Outlook for Freedom (o.p.)
Government: An Ideal Concept
Governo Um Concito Ideal
Why Not Try Freedom?
¿Por Que No Ensayar la Libertad?
Elements of Libertarian Leadership
Anything That's Peaceful
Todo Por la Paz
The Free Market and Its Enemy
El Enemigo del Mercado Libre
Deeper Than You Think
Accent on the Right
The Coming Aristocracy
Let Freedom Reign
Talking to Myself
Then Truth Will Out
To Free or Freeze
Who's Listening?
Having My Way
Castles In The Air
The Love of Liberty
Comes the Dawn
Awake for Freedom's Sake
Vision
Liberty: Legacy of Truth
The Freedom Freeway
Seeds of Progress

