

Leonard E. Read Dies; **Free-Market Advocate**

Leonard Edward Read, founder and president of the Foundation for Economic Education, died Saturday, apparently of a heart attack, at his home in Irvington-on-Hudson, N.Y. He was 84 years old.

Mr. Read, an author, educator and lecturer, established the foundation in 1946 in Irvington-on-Hudson. The foundation promoted Mr. Read's free-market economic philosophy and his belief that government should play a minimal role in people's lives.

He was the author of 30 books and many articles and had lectured in the United States, Europe and Asia. Among his books were "Government — An Ideal Concept," "Elements of Libertarian Leadership," "Let Freedom Reign" and "The Path of Duty,"

He is survived by a son, James, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.