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January 28, 1953

Mr. Leonard E. Read, President
The Foundation for Economic Education, Inc.
Irvington-on-Hudson, New York

Dear Leonard:

Leo Wolman addressed our Annual Meeting Monday night; so I had a good opportunity to chat with him and was much interested in what he had to say about the most recent developments on THE FREEMAN. Incidentally, he did an excellent job of addressing about 320 industrialists, educators, and clergymen on the subject of labor law.

You asked for comments on "Victims of Marxian Idealism", so here goes. Some of these ideas have only to do with a word but you asked for it so I'll make it complete. I believe it would improve the eighth line on page 2 if the word must were changed to should.

The second item has to do with a subject which several of us here have discussed for sometime; it is the use of words which are completely acceptable to libertarians but which are not of a persuasive nature when they are addressed to those who lean toward the "middle" or in some cases even slightly to the "right". I think that the use of some words which are almost cliches tends to bring our case toward the level of the case of the opposition. Specifically on page 4 at the end of the second paragraph, I would substitute for the words a bureaucrat these words an agent of the majority.

On page 5 would the first 4 words of line 9 say what you wish them to say if they were changed to do the fittest gain influence. It is possible that the word chosen sets the capitalist up on a rather high pedestal.

At the end of the second paragraph on page 5 the good wife thought that the question might come to the mind of the reader as to the undesirability of inheritance. Perhaps this could be dismissed briefly.

On page 6 line 2 of the fourth paragraph, should the word be immorality instead of morality?

On page 7 in line 8 of the third paragraph, that same idea applies to the word do-gooder as I referred to in connection with bureaucrat. I would like better the substitution of something like well-meaning social reformer.

Mr. Leonard E. Read (Continued)

January 28, 1953

All in all, I think that the ideas need saying very badly and that it is done most effectively. I like it very much. I would like to know, however, if this is the kind of criticism that you want.

Most cordially,

Chet

C. W. Anderson
Executive Vice President

CWA:agr

L. H. Anderson

January 30, 1953

Mr. C. W. Anderson, Executive Vice President
Associated Industries of the Quad-Cities
212 19th Street
Rock Island, Illinois

Dear Chet:

I deeply appreciate your two letters of the 26th and the 28th.

With reference to the first, the 200 copies of Do You Dare To Be Different have been sent to you. I am delighted that you liked the last issue of Notes From FEE, and I was pleased to learn about the nice talk you had with my friend J. Bracken Lee. Quite a gent, isn't he?

I find your other letter, commenting on the Victims of Martian Idealism, very helpful and I think that I will probably adopt all of the suggested changes that you have made. In answer to your query, this is precisely the kind of criticism I want, providing of course that you have no criticisms of the ideas -- then I would want those challenged.

I am glad you got to talk with Leo Wolman. He is one of my favorites.

My best to you, Chet.

Cordially,

Leonard E. Read

LER:bf

~~Mickie - Please send 200 copies of Do You Dare to Be Different with invoice.~~

*Sent
1/28/53
see memo
attached.*

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C. W. ANDERSON
EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

February 3, 1953

Dear Leonard:

Before we held our "retreat weekend" here last October, Joe Bransby, the Davenport YMCA Secretary, who was there, had some communication with R. J. Ramser, the Area Executive Secretary of the YMCA. In the course of this we sent Dick Ramser some pamphlets and material so that he would know the ideas which we would discuss and among these I recall was a copy of your "Students of Liberty" and "The Penalty of Surrender".

Joe Bransby was quite enthusiastic a few days ago when he received the enclosed letter which went to all the YMCA secretaries in Ramser's north central area which includes several states. I am sure that we can call this one of the by-products, so I thought you might be interested in seeing it and also to know that Mr. Ramser will give a report of our "retreat" at a general meeting of YMCA executives.

Cordially yours,

Chet

CWA:agr
Enc.

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February 6, 1953

Mr. Leonard E. Read, President
The Foundation for Economic Education, Inc.
Irvington-on-Hudson, New York

Dear Leonard:

Will you please send us 450 copies of "Property Rights and Human Rights." We will need them before February 17th because I had in mind relating this piece to George Washington's birthday by means of the attached note. What do you think of the idea?

Has anything happened to the one you were considering on the subject of strikes?

My best to you.

Cordially,

Chet

C. W. Anderson
Executive Vice President

CWA:lk
Enc.

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C. W. ANDERSON
EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

(Note to be sent with "Property Rights and Human Rights")

Respect for truth was the distinctive attribute of George Washington, whose birthday we are about to celebrate. Today, the search for truth in the field of science, for example, claims and earns the respect and admiration of all of us. Has there been any comparable search for truth in the areas of social science--or is there, in fact, a recognition of the existence of truth, of natural or moral laws which are as unchanging and relentless as the laws of science? Some signs indicate a lack of such recognition.

Search for truth in the area of social actions is aided by examination of loosely used expressions such as "which is more important, property rights or human rights?".

Our purpose in sending you the enclosed pamphlet, which examines this comparison of "rights", and other articles, is to assist those who earnestly seek answers to the problems of our day. If you have the conviction that such answers have their roots, not in the shallow soil of expediency, but deep in truth and natural law; you will find this enclosure most stimulating.

Your comments are invited.

Very truly yours,

C. W. Anderson

Gen. files

February 9, 1953

Mr. C. W. Anderson, Executive Vice President
Associated Industries of the Quad-Cities
212 19th Street
Rock Island, Illinois

Dear Chet:

Thanks ever so much for your letter of the 6th and for the order for 450 copies of Property Rights and Human Rights. These are going forward to you today so that you will have them for your George Washington's birthday mailing.

I think your note is excellent in every respect. It is the best one I have seen.

By this time you probably have received a copy of my little piece Two Ways to Stop Strikes. The copy was supposed to have been mailed to you last week with a form note attached. Anyway, here is another copy just in case.

My best!

Cordially,

Leonard E. Read

LER:bf
Encl.

Jim Hance - Please send 450 copies of Property Rights and Human Rights to Mr. Anderson - today if possible.

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February 24, 1953

Mr. W. M. Curtiss
Foundation for Economic Education, Inc.
Irvington-on-Hudson, New York

Dear Mr. Curtiss:

Just a note to let you know that I like very much
The Tariff Idea. Congratulations on your excellent handling of a difficult topic.

Cordially yours,



C. W. Anderson
Executive Vice President

CWA:agr

CC: Mr. Leonard Read

Dear Leonard:

I would be curious to know what kind of reactions you get from business people on Curtiss' pamphlet.

Al Holdorf of Omaha tells me that you anticipate helping them out on a weekend meeting. Jim Rogers and perhaps a few others of us may be able to arrange to be on hand.

Cordially yours,



Gen. files

C. W. Anderson

March 2, 1953

Mr. C. W. Anderson, Executive Vice President
Associated Industries of the Quad-Cities
212 19th Street
Rock Island, Illinois

Dear Chet:

Thanks for the copy of your note to Doc Curtiss about The Tariff Idea. I am pleased that you like it.

To date we haven't had any criticisms from business people concerning it. As a matter of fact, we have had a considerable amount of applause from these folks. However, we probably will get some criticism when the protagonists of protectionism led by the Tariff League think out a good way for criticising us for what we have done.

I consented to take a part in the Omaha affair because I am under the impression that these folks plan on doing something similar to what you did in the Quad-Cities and I believe that when things of this kind are generated locally we ought to do everything possible to give them encouragement. I hope that you and Jim Rogers will be on hand.

My best!

Cordially,

Leonard E. Read

LER:bf

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March 11, 1953

Admiral Ben Moreell, Chairman of the Board
Jones and Laughlin Steel Company
401 Liberty Avenue
Pittsburgh 30, Pennsylvania

Dear Admiral Moreell:

I thought you would be very much interested to know of the impact that your pamphlet, "To Communism Via Majority Vote", has had in this community. Although our distribution has just begun, there have been three instances of unusual interest and enthusiasm. One teacher of a junior high school stopped me on the street in the business district to tell me that she was much impressed and intended to use it in her teaching. The secretary of one of our business executives called me and asked for a number of copies so that she could circulate them among her friends and business associates. A neighboring farm community, we find, has been passing a copy around from one family to another as fast as they can read it. I think it is instances like these that keep us from being discouraged in this struggle against collectivism.

I could not let this opportunity pass to congratulate you and the other members of the Tri-partite Committee on your alertness to the effort to make your committee a legislating body. There are many men in industry who were very pleased with the statements which the industry members released and we want you to know that we appreciate the firm stand which you have taken.

Very truly yours,

C.A.

C. W. Anderson
Executive Vice President

CWA:agr

CC: Mr. Leonard E. Read

Don Lums, Jim Rogers & I will very likely all be with you in Omaha.

L. H. Anderson

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March 23, 1953

Mr. Leonard E. Read, President
The Foundation for Economic Education, Inc.
Irvington-on-Hudson, New York

Dear Leonard:

Many thanks for Benjamin Anderson's book. I can assure you that it will have good use since it fills a gap in the literature which we are continually using as a reference.

I had a nice note from Ben Morecell the other day which led me to the conclusion that he certainly accepted nomination to Martin Durkin's Tri-partite Committee with his eyes wide open. He indicated that the results of the Committee's short deliberations were completely satisfactory to him.

Cordially yours,

Chet

C. W. Anderson
Executive Vice President

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