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January 1. Awe for the work of God and zest for one's own work are two prime achievements. Fortunate is the person who experiences these qualities and hapless is the one who does not. Both are requisites for emergence. Each is necessary for health and happiness.

Took Ag and Aunt Ruby to The Virginian for dinner.

January 2. The same thing, only worse, happened to my AT-5 rink (LER Skip, Uncle Cliff #3, Burke #2, and Fowler #1 against Anderson et al) as happened to UCLA, Maryland, Pitt, and Texas Christian. We were clobbered 15-6 as Mallory and Ranney Johnson came to see their first curling. Fowler was unimaginably awful, Burke was only terrible, Uncle Cliff had 3 or 4 good rocks, and I didn't get good until the latter half. Uncle Cliff is too old to sweep (79) and Burke and Fowler don't know how. Further, our opponents curled excellently.

Started work on "Competence of the Cop."

January 3. Swift and Co. sent \$750 and Globe-Union (new) \$250. National Bank of Detroit sent \$600 additional, this being Hutch's director's fees for the year.

Phoned Charles Sligh at Grand Rapids to set up a date for Chas. Wolfe to interview a CIOer.

January 4. The confab Wolfe and I had with Railway Express paid off. They just phoned giving us 12 ads. Maybe we have a pattern here -- ads conceived by FEE.

Talked to Ken Miller of NAM. He wants me for dinner and evening with his staff on the 26th. Said he had approved the west coast arrangement initiated by Russ Walton. Ken was much pleased with my offer to send him our analysis of books submitted to NAM directors by Congressman O'Hara for U. S. Information Service. The analysis by Opitz appended.

Phoned George Varner, Adv. Mgr. Kenametal, Inc., Latrobe, Pa. about their advertising program with us. They are confused. Will have final word Monday.

A London fog, having hung over these parts for two days, almost upset the evening's JR curling. Five of the six rinks showed but not my adversary Dudley et al. Will try a play-off over week end.

Chuck Sligh phoned around 10 PM from Grand Rapids about the interview between Charlie Wolfe and the CIO-UAW George Bronner. Set up for Monday.

January 5. I thought perhaps John Rowe didn't like my essay "Economic Progress," for he made no acknowledgment of its receipt.

MEMORANDUM

To: Leonard E. Read

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From: Edmund A. Opitz

Re: Proposal of the United States Information Agency to publish in the principal languages "a select list of the time-tested classical statements of democratic theory."

As I interpret this proposal by translating it into concrete terms, I visualize a Chinese or Indian student coming into possession of certain basic documents which might help him form an understanding of Western civilization, of the concepts of personal liberty, limited government, and economic freedom. What books would I want him to have?

Any answer to this question must be highly personal; and it must try to strike a balance between the well-known classics and the more recent but less well-known books. I have drawn up seven rather arbitrary categories and listed a number of books under each. Every one of these books has, in some way or other, been useful to me; and that is the basis on which I recommend them. Several of these books may appear to weigh light in libertarian scales, but on net balance each contributes something significant.

1. The Epic of America

Beston, Henry, American Memory, Farrar & Rhinehard, 1937.

An anthology which captures the "flavor" of American life from the earliest settlements to the present.

Emerson's Essays and other Writings, Modern Library, 1940.

Deals mostly with the mystical and optimistic sides of the American character.

Garrett, Garet, The American Story, Regnery, 1955.

A narrative by one thoroughly at home with his materials.

Jefferson, Thomas, The Writings of Jefferson, Modern Library, 1944.

Includes enough Jefferson material to convey an understanding of his basic philosophy.

Lincoln, Abraham -- His philosophy of government is found especially in his Peoria speech and in his Second Inaugural address. Several anthologies contain these items.

Thoreau, Henry, Walden and Other Writings, Modern Library, 1937.

Thoreau exemplifies two facets of the American character; its matter-of-factness, and its sturdy independence.

de Tocqueville, Alexis, Democracy in America, 2 volumes (1835 and 1840) Knopf, 1945.

One of the best accounts of American life and institutions.

II. American Political Theory

Beard, Charles, The Republic, Viking, New York, 1943.
Conversations on the Preamble to the Constitution.

Bryce, James, The American Commonwealth (2 volumes) Revised Edition:
Macmillan, 1924.
A standard and lengthy work. Parts are out of date.

Burgess, John W., The Reconciliation of Government and Liberty,
Scribners, 1915.
A survey of the problem in ancient and modern societies.

Burgess, J. W., Recent Changes in American Constitutional Theory,
Columbia, 1923.
The author believes that the changes occurring are out of step with
the spirit and intent of the document.

Hamilton, Jay and Madison, The Federalist (1788), Modern Library, 1937.
The first extended commentary on the American Constitution, and still
one of the best.

Morley, Felix, The Power in the People, Van Nostrand, 1949.
Perhaps the best modern statement of the American system of government.

Mussatti, James, The Constitution of the United States, Van Nostrand,
Princeton, N.J., 1956.
A readable commentary.

Paine, Thomas, Common Sense (1776), numerous editions.
Helped inspire the colonists fighting for their independence against
England.

III. Classic Liberalism

Bastiat, Frederick, The Law, The Foundation for Economic Education,
Irvington-on-Hudson, N.Y., 1950.
Defines the proper role of government in society.

Lippmann, Walter, The Good Society, Little, Brown, 1937.
Adequate criticism of all forms of collectivism; attempted restatement
of the case for liberalism.

Locke, John, Second Treatise on Government (1690), numerous editions.
The fountain source of classic liberalism. Influenced thinkers of
Colonial America.

Mill, John Stuart, On Liberty (1859), numerous editions.
One of the finest essays of its kind.

Mill, John Stuart, Representative Government (1861).
The philosophy of republicanism.

Spencer, Herbert, The Man vs. the State (1874) Caxton Printers, 1940.
A classic statement of the case for individual liberty against encroachment by the political agency.

IV. The History of Liberty

De Burgh, Wm. G., The Legacy of the Ancient World (1923), Pelican Books, 1953 (2 volumes).
The roots of Western civilization in the faith, freedom, and law which derive from Israel, Greece, and Rome.

Orton, Wm. A., The Liberal Tradition, Yale, 1945.
A wise and civilized book which outlines the social and spiritual conditions of freedom. In the tradition of classic liberalism.

Weaver, Henry G., The Mainspring of Human Progress, Talbot Books 1947 and The Foundation for Economic Education, 1953.
Readable narrative of the role freedom has played in human progress.

V. The Economics of Freedom

Hazlitt, Henry, Economics in One Lesson (1946), The Foundation for Economic Education, 1952.
A short exposition of free market economics.

Mises, Ludwig von, Human Action, Yale, 1949.
A long treatise which provides the rationale for free market economics, or capitalism.

Paton, William, Shirtsleeve Economics, Appleton-Century-Crofts, 1952.
A down-to-earth interpretation of economics.

VI. The Collectivist Challenge

Ashton, T. S., The Industrial Revolution, 1760-1830, Oxford, 1948.
Shows the remarkable achievements of this revolution.

Belloc, Hilaire, The Servile State (1912), Holt, N.Y.
An early warning that the efforts of the Socialists would result not in the cooperative commonwealth of their dreams, but rather in totalitarianism.

Hayek, F. A., Road to Serfdom, Chicago, 1944.
Central economic planning is incompatible with personal liberty.

Hayek, F. A. (editor), Capitalism and the Historians, Chicago, 1955.
Shows that the industrial revolution has not been fairly represented.

Mises, Ludwig von, Socialism (1922), Yale, 1951.
A book which challenges every argument for central economic planning, as well as such half-way measures as Keynesianism.

VII. Modern Libertarianism

Essays on Liberty, Volume 1, 1952; Volume 2, 1954. The Foundation for Economic Education, Irvington-on-Hudson, N.Y.

Papers by various authors expounding all aspects of the libertarian philosophy.

Harper, F. A., Liberty, A Path to Its Recovery, The Foundation for Economic Education, 1949.

A modern statement of the case for individual freedom.

Read, Leonard E., Government -- An Ideal Concept, The Foundation for Economic Education, 1954.

Government must be limited so that men shall be free to exchange energies and realize their potentials.

I have omitted several books from the tentative list appended to the communication of Congressman O'Hara, and have done so for several different reasons. Some I have not read; some cover ground more adequately covered elsewhere; and two because I believe they belong in a bibliography of a different nature. These are John Dewey's The Public and Its Problems (1927) and Rousseau's Social Contract (1762). Rousseau's book has had immense influence, much of it bad; Dewey, by implication, criticizes Rousseau and advances his own "doctrine of plural forms." "...at one time and place," he says, "a large measure of state activity may be indicated and at another time a policy of quiescence and laissez faire." This is an arguable viewpoint, certainly, but it is not in tune with the main body of classic liberalism.

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This morning's mail contained his Bulletin, copy appended.

Irene du Pont sent \$3,000.

To New York and lunch at Canadian Club with Dean. He isn't too happy there. Tried to coax him back to FEE. A very remote chance.

A letter from Jeff Coolidge saying he had requested his brokerage firm to send us 100 shares of International paper -- worth over \$11,000.

January 6. Phoned Dr. Wilford King about an article of his we intend to use -- government spending.

Phoned Gilbert Steward of Tucker and Company, Boston, authorizing him to sell Jeff's stock.

Gil Cooper, one of our Canton libertarians, phoned saying he is moving to NY and could we help him locate. Of course.

Russ Walton, Western Manager of NAM, phoned from Palo Alto and wants Mises and me for luncheon sessions in SF, LA, and a week end on Catalina some time in April, perhaps the week of the 23rd.

Phoned Mises and confirmed dates so this trip is now confirmed.

Don Elliman phoned inviting me to his bank's "clambake" on the 20th. Had to decline.

January 7. J. W. Clise sent \$3,000.

This is the week end of the "District" matches, one sheet of ice open. So, as last year, I challenged Ruston to a match, he and I each obtaining who we could. For me, Dean #3, Davis, L. #2, and Brad Smith #1. Rusty had John McCormick #3, Don Dunn #2, and Johnnie Nauss #1, each of us having "stacked" rinks. We played 12 ends. POR was in the rear all the time, the score 8-6 at the finish of the 10th. Brought it to a tie in the 11th. Larry Davis (playing #3 after Dean retired) made two brilliant shots and my last one was a hole-in-one thing. We won 10-8, a splendid match. My curling, mostly, was not good. Rusty outcurled me but I outlucked him.

Ag shopped in NY during afternoon. Met her at Canadian Club and went to Charles a la Pomme for dinner. Home at 8 PM.

January 8. Reason and observation supply plenty of proof that man is but little a reasoning animal. Experience adds its testimony. Rationally, I should be as pleased after losing a curling match as after winning, provided one has done his best. But there is a big

difference between my feelings of yesterday and today and all the reasoning I can bring to bear doesn't alter my spirit. Played the JR match postponed from last Wednesday evening against Dudley's rink (Deegan skipping for Dud). Dean #3, Burke #2, and Brad #1. We all curled poorly and lost 8-3. Have now lost 4 out of last 10 matches I have skipped, which isn't bad but no one of the losses feels good.

January 9. George Varner of Kennametal phoned saying that their ads were to be cancelled; that Mr. McKenna had something else in mind for FEE.

Phoned John Chamberlain and asked him to do a review of the new paperbound edition of Hayek's "Road to Serfdom" for the March Freeman. Agreed to do so.

Ag and I drove to Idlewild via Dr. Kraft's Hospital where we left the kit for a "he-to-it" job and Tobe for an ear repair. Boarded Trans-Canada's #325, 2:10 PM for Montreal. This is my first flight on a Viscount with its turbo-jet motors. The interior isn't too unlike a Convair or Martin 404 but there is a very large oval window at each seat. The four motors protrude from the wings as four large and slender cigars with fans on the end. The motors only smoothly whine instead of chug-chug. No warm-up procedure. Airborne in 30 seconds. Quieter than reciprocating motors; vibration the same. Cruise at about 310-320. Routine. To Sheraton Mount Royal where Mr. Currie was on hand to greet us and where a large suite was reserved. Hotel shows signs of running down at the heels.

Fred DeArmond, free lance now but for years on editorial staff of Nation's Business, submits a piece, "Has the Businessman Gone Soft?" Fred is an ardent free enterpriser and he lambastes the businessman in unmistakable terms, and names examples. Fred is dead wrong in his analysis. The businessman works within the frame of what is and it's only a stroke of luck if he happens to be at the same time a moralist or a philosopher. The reason the businessman goes for socialistic ideas and fails to oppose transgressions of free market, private property ideals is that he doesn't know any better. He's no more a coward than a prize fighter and he's no more a libertarian than a politician by reason of being a businessman. The approach to anyone who doesn't understand, a businessman or a child, is not to whack hell out of him but to attract him to understanding by one's own understanding.

Ag and I had an almost too sumptuous dinner at Cafe Martin, a splendid place.

There goes on in an elaborate way a disparagement of science: anti-religious, materialistic, bombs and human destruction. It's a little difficult to think of new knowledge as evil, and so one looks deeper. In the 19th century the more brilliant of mankind were concluding that nothing but a few more historical movements stood between man and a thorough understanding of the

Universe. Man, reasoned 19th Century man, wasn't far from sharing the pedestal with God on an equal footing. Now, there was an instance of something really going wrong with man, a situation that required setting straight. So, along came the physical scientists, demonstrating that man doesn't know very much of anything. These scientists are can-openers, so to speak, showing 20th Century man, themselves included, what the can of understanding looks like inside. It's all inside for it has no sides, no top, no bottom. Man is exposed to his own imperceptiveness by the scientists. Further, the scientists are knocking into a cocked hat a lot of anthropomorphic and doctrinaire religious concepts, leading the way to a higher religion. True, their handiwork, the atomic or hydrogen or cobalt bomb, may level some millions of us, a small birch switch if it brings man to book, if it makes him view with awe what there is to see, if it leads him to a humility before God, if it steers him into a shedding of his own silly egotism. I have been among those to look with horror on this 20th Century burst of scientific knowledge, an imbalance if ever there was one. Today there came the thought that perhaps this, too, has a purpose and it would be good if we could but fathom it.

January 10. D. G. Currie of Charles E. Frosst and Co., Roy L. Campbell, Secretary of Canadian International Paper Co., J. Stuart Richardson, PR of Northern Electric Co. of Canada, and Dave Keogh, PR of Canadian Manufacturers Association from Toronto, were in my sitting room at 10 AM and discussed with me the program on education for their Annual Meeting to be held in Toronto June 6-7-8. We agreed on all fundamentals. If the speakers we want will accept, Ben Moreell will do the luncheon showing how socialism is developing -- this for the purpose of creating a deserved apprehension; Lew Douglas to present the free market philosophy positively -- this to create a deserved hopefulness; LER to do the wind-up on method -- this to present the techniques of procedure. While Richardson spoke to Rotary, Mr. Campbell took the three of us to the University Club, not for luncheon, but for a noon-day dinner: coquilles, a soup and sherry wine, lamb and a burgundy, an ice on grape fruit mit Kirsch, and retirement to the library for cafe and brandy. I wonder if there is any significance to this interest in FEE's methods all of a sudden on the part of CMA and NAM?

To airport for Trans-Canada's #326, 4:45 PM to New York. Routine. Home at 7:45 and JB had a nice dinner readied.

January 11. Phoned Hazlitt about doing a foreign aid piece for Freeman. He has had another set-back and can't do but is agreeable to my suggestion that we do a condensation of his earlier pieces.

To Canadian Club for lunch with FEE's Nominating Committee: Fairchild, Wolman, and McBain. McBain, flying in from Chicago, was late, not arriving until 2 PM just as the three of us were leaving. I stayed with Hughston while he lunched and explained what we had done: Nominated all present officers for another term and I am to invite as new Trustees Roger Milliken, Harry Langenberg, Bill Umstadt and Nelson Shepherd. Am to ask Hutch's advice on Lev Campbell and Don Richberg.

A Mr. Guin, about to get his PhD at Columbia and whom George Clark is interested in employing, called at George's suggestion. A most attractive person but I didn't find out enough about his libertarianism to make any assurances to George. I left him with Ed Opitz while Sam and I drove to White Plains for the animals.

To St. Andrews for the last evening of the first session of the John Reid affair. If I won and McCollough beat Seibert there would be a three-way tie. My rink, Dean #3, Bill Reid #2, and Orr #1, defeated Mort Locke Skip, Chattin #3, Beckwith #2, and Heidelberger #1, 9-5. After finishing, we watched the conclusion of the exciting McCollough-Seibert match. Seibert won it on the last rock, an excellent shot. So he and his rink become the first to win the John Reid medal.

January 12. Phoned Chet Anderson, Milwaukee, about our meetings next week.

Checked with Ralph Brown of J. C. Penny on Andrew Springfield on whom I have my eye. A good report from Ralph.

January 13. Talked with Kay Shradly and she is to become LER's secretary come March.

Phoned Andy Springfield, Univ. of Tulsa. He is interested in my proposal and will be here the 23rd to 25th.

Ed Vennard phoned from Chicago saying that we might get donations from New Orleans Public Service, Arkansas Power & Light, Georgia Power & Light, Alabama Power & Light, Dallas Power & Light, and Texas Power & Light.

Talked with Ted Crane, Pres. of D. Van Nostrand, about "The Constitution of the United States" and advertising same, the use of C. Wolfe and display in C. S. Monitor. Asked Ted if he ever published a cook book and he said "No, but would like to." Told him of my project and he is interested.

Mr. Hill of Rockford sends \$1,000 as does Robertshaw-Fulton. Numerous renewals are substantially increased due, no doubt, to the use of "Report on Freedom" with my renewal letters.

Ag and I to NY for dinner with Jackie and Tony Reinach in their apartment. Vic Lea and wife were the other guests. Much animated talk and a pleasant evening. Vic promised to do a piece on "money" for us. I made milk toast at home around 1:30 AM.

January 14. Pierre sent \$500 from his railroad; Walgreen Drug sent \$500; Mississippi Power and Light sent \$250.

Two copies of the Mussatti book "The Constitution of the United States" arrived from printer. Looks good.

One thing that raises hob with man are the words he designs to describe himself, "brilliant," "genius," "scholar,"

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"philosopher" and so on. If pigs could talk and used such words on themselves, we would laugh. We would laugh because we have the contrast between pigs and man. But man has nothing for contrast except a rare recognition of a higher form which perhaps he may eventually become. Imaginations, for the most part, aren't quite up to this so man stupidly thinks of himself as brilliant. A part of every daily prayer should be, "May I come better to understand how little I know." There are few hopes more difficult to realize.

I mother-henned the 12:15 PM session of St. Andrews' Douglas-Griffith Bonspiel. Arndt Skip, McCollough #3, Ruston #2, and Chatten #1 won their Griffith match and so had to play a 12-ender at 8:00 PM. Chatten, unable to do so, asked me to take his place. Ag and I to Seiberts for cocktails and a splendid buffet supper for the visiting curlers. On the ice against Russ Weston et al of Ardsley. We trailed all the way until the 10th when we went one ahead. They won two in the 11th. We had two lying until Weston's last perfect shot and so we lost by two stones instead of winning by one. Home at midnight.

January 15. The late mail yesterday brought Republic Steel's donation of \$7500.

Hutch phoned about our get-together in Milwaukee. Watched the finals in the bonspiel for an hour, JB and Vicky dined with us, and otherwise I did nothing but work a couple of hours at FEE and loaf.

January 16. Sears sent \$2500 and said they would renew their subscriptions to Freeman soon.

Roger Milliken responded enthusiastically to our invitation to join FEE's Trustees, a delight to me.

Bob Snowden phoned from Memphis wanting some names to take a \$500 whack at for his 48-state affair. Agreed.

Jim Rogers a welcome visitor for the day and has interesting experiences to relate about his work. He has found a way of applying libertarian ideas to industrial management that astounds me favorably. He and I talked of plans to communicate these ideas to others, perhaps in the Freeman.

Phoned Dean and asked him to do a review of the Mussatti book.

About 100 donations today including a \$250 new one from Ernie Sweigert, Portland, and \$250 from Arkansas Power and Light.

Wrote a promotion letter for Freeman in about ten minutes, better than some I have long labored over. This is to go with

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February Freeman to the 1200 on Clarkson College private list furnished me confidentially by Bernie Peyton.

Chick drove me to Idlewild for AA's #23, 4:00 PM to Chicago. Am greatly pleased with 64-page February Freeman which Eleanor pasted up for me before leaving. Flight routine, 40 minutes ahead of schedule. Phoned Ag. To Imperial House for a good dinner (too expensive). Henhouse: J. B. Matthews, the renowned anti-communist or his exact replica, sat on the other side of the dining room with a gal. If his wife, she has changed size, hair color, and manners, and he his attentiveness. Might have been his mother.

January 17. Phoned Ag, Bette, Paul, Ed. Upped order for Feb. Freeman to 60,000 and gave Bette a note to P/L:

This 64-page issue approximates what we have in mind for the new Freeman.

If you can use any extra copies to introduce FEE's work to the unacquainted, merely return this note with an order for _____ complimentary copies.

Spent the forenoon at offices Mid-American Research Library with Bill Carroll, Director, and John Fisher of Sears. Organization meeting of Directors set for April 23 to accommodate me. This has possibilities of being a useful agency if handled properly and if there is enough financing. Many cautions must be observed.

Hughston had a luncheon for me: Michael R. Notaro, Pres. of Statistical Tabulating Company; Clay Judson, Attorney for MF and Partner of Wilson & McIlvaine; Paul M. Hamaker, Sr. V.P. and Merchandise Manager of MF; Lloyd H. Richmond, V.P. and Personnel Manager of MF. Hughston thought it went off in good shape and so did I.

To Northwestern RR station for 3 PM train to Milwaukee. Arrived at 4:20, Chet Anderson to meet me. Took room at Athletic Club. Chet, his wife "Sis", Mike somebody and wife, and Helen Scott and I had dinner together and then went to an auditorium where some 75 folks showed up at 8:00 PM, persons in this area on FEE's mailing list. A splendid group, the affair over at about 9:30. An interesting sidelight following the meeting. A dozen were gathered around and some gal asked if there were any libertarian members in the Congress. I replied that my own Congressman was the best but that the best of all was one from Omaha who had retired on his own motion, Howard Buffett. A tall gent facing me said, "I'm his brother." How lucky can one get!

Perhaps ten of us gathered at Chet's home for more talk, all philosophically amiable. The best compliment was my friend Neil McLeod who came from Appleton to be with us and who

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will get home just before daybreak. I made it at 1:00 AM.

January 18. Herbert Kohler's chauffeur called at Club early and drove me to Kohler. The Works Manager, Ed Beaver, of this large plumbing and fixture outfit who was on hand showed me every nook and cranny of the plant for about $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours. The manufacture of laboratories, bathtubs, and the such is much more of an art than I had ever imagined and very interesting. In spite of the 21-month strike which still goes on, and without solicitation for workers, the plant is running at full force and productivity is at its peak. Ed B., Mr. Kohler, Collins of Selvage and Lee, Lyman C. Conger, and a young lawyer and I lunched at the company's elegant "American Club." Snatched a 45-minute nap, was driven around the nice company-planned village after which Mr. Kohler and I were driven to the University Club in Milwaukee where some 40-45 top leaders gathered at 4:30 at the invitation of Bill Grede (former Pres. of NAM) and John Brown, Pres. of J. I. Case & Co., and engineered by Chet Anderson. Hutch had flown in from Detroit for the affair. Queried him on should we re-elect Don Richberg and Lev Campbell to FEE's Board and he was affirmative. Bill Grede introduced me and I talked until 5:45, after which we adjourned for cocktails and then to an excellent dinner. Following the eats, John Brown introduced Hutch who did himself proud in a 20-minute talk. Then began the questions directed mostly at me and it centered not at all on ideological questions as is customary, but on method which is always my hope -- on selling the masses vs. self-improvement. And there were the "masses" advocates. Don Innes did a fine my-side argument after most had had their day, but Bill Grede did the best and most thorough LER argument I have ever heard from a business leader. It was the perfect climax and BG is an influential man. He claimed that the biggest job was to rid the NAM directors of their socialism. In short, my point appeared to carry. The meeting closed around 10 PM after a talk by Mr. Kohler. It was one of the best meetings of its kind I have experienced. Chet, Don, Hutch, and I had a couple of nightcaps at the Athletic Club and I to hay at 11:30.

January 19. Up at 6:00 and to airport for North Central's #4, 7:30 AM for Chicago. The morning paper carries a picture of Father Keller who also spoke in Milwaukee last night, neither Hutch nor I knowing of this nor he of us. Flight routine but ceiling low. My 9:15 AM EAL #193 to Louisville cancelled. Miller of Louisville reached me on phone at airport saying storm there was so bad he wouldn't have over 35 at lunch instead of 350-500 as planned; that I needn't come if I thought it not worth while. The weather settled matter. Checked on flights to Cincinnati and all cancelled. Phoned Ag and Paul and took Illinois Central train, 10:00 AM for an all-day trip to Cincinnati. While train stopped in Indianapolis, phoned Pierre who had tried to reach me yesterday. Mostly about Freeman. Trippett has been made president of Wabash and Rogge, Dean. The latter is good from our viewpoint. To Queen City Club after a day of train dozing and reading, a not unwelcome respite.

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To Gourmet Restaurant to dine. Perfecto! Andre Ballestra and I had a fine time on recipes, I the winner. Next to me was a Julian Macdonald with whom I philosophized. I bet him a nickel he had some socialism in him and lost. A potential worker in our vineyard. This morning on the plane, an Edmund Campbell turned out to be a discovery. A Jew clothing merchant who lunched with me on the train turned out to be zero. Two to one is a big day.

January 20. Vada Horsch of NAM phoned while I was having breakfast, all excited about Alberto Benegas Lynch, a libertarian and a devotee of FEE who has been made Minister of the Argentine Embassy in Washington. He is to be in New York at Plaza all of next week and wants to see me, aiming at the translation of FEE's work for distribution in his country. His Embassy phone: Decatur 2-7100. This could be significant.

Spent forenoon with John Rowe and Lyman Greer of Fifth Third Union Trust Company. John had about 15 for luncheon at Queen City Club, and an excellent lot they were. Not time enough for discussion but it went off pretty well.

To the Robert Morris Printing Company, 12th and Vine Sts., to see Carl Liebig about printing The Freeman. He wants job and will have estimates in my hands shortly. Says he hopes to save us \$2,000 per month. A small shop but he probably can do our kind of a job as well as anyone. Will see.

To airport for AA's #164, 5:30 PM for New York. Routine. Bob Jones to meet me. Home with Ag at 9:30 PM.

January 21. Keith Wood writes that his attempt to get me on as annual meeting speaker for Young Presidents' Association has failed; that instead they are going to obtain Victor Reuther. Yipes!

Virginia Power and Light sends \$1,000.

Skipped my Jug-Ogden rink in the first of the series against my excellent curler friend, Goldthorpe, whom I have beaten twice. Today it was different. They defeated us 9-4 although it was a much closer contest than the score indicates. Marshall Anderson played a superb #3, Brad Smith a fair #2, and Huntley Campbell a fine #1. My own play wasn't good but difficult shots didn't quite come off. Good fun.

Home to me Ag at 6:00, a snort, and then to Trianon, A Bronxville replica of Charles, almost as good and about two-thirds the price.

January 22. What a wonder match today! Our Jug-Ogden -- LER Skip, Brad #3, Robb #2, and Comstock #1 -- against Larry Davis et al. Trailing all the way, we evened it in the 9th. In the 10th we had the lying rock and nicely guarded. Larry's last stone had to be perfect and it was, so we lost 9-8.

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January 23. Pierre's Winchester Foundation sends \$1,000.

Andrew Springfield arrived for a two-day look-see at us and us at him.

Harry Langenberg and Nelson Shepherd both accept invitations to serve on FEE's Board.

Phoned Hayek, Chicago, and asked him to address dinner we are giving for Mises on occasion of the 5th anniversary of his doctorate. Gladly agreed. Settled on March 7th as date. Cleared with Claude Robinson for holding same at University Club.

January 24. In next Notes, I want to direct attention to the form of criticism we solicit. Criticism for not being socialistic is of no value to us. But we do want to be criticized for flaws in our free market reasoning.

On phone with Claude, Ted Crane, and others buttoning up the Mises dinner.

Curtiss and Poirot took Andy to dinner to do their appraisal. They put him on plane for home.

To New York where I met WCM at Apt. 31A. Said a "hello" to the Chief and Jim Selvage who was with him. Bill and I wined, dined, and talked much at Canadian Club until after 10:00.

January 25. Mises here to go over details of March 7 meeting. He went over the suggested guest list with Dr. Curtiss in library. Everything settled satisfactorily.

St. Andrews has a competition among members for giving a name to each golf hole. Mine: 1 - Outabreth, 2 - Ezy, 3 - Mountain Drive, 4 - Mesa's End, 5 - Mt. Hope, 6 - Narrow Neck, 7 - Somaditch, 8 - Creek's Delight, 9 - Roadmaster, 10 - New Hope, 11 - Wee Holie, 12 - Fare Thee Well, 13 - Onento, 14 - Inturn, 15 - Parameifukan, 16 - Gardiner, 17 - Loch Lookup, 18 - Thirty.

To Hudson River Country Club for lunch with Messrs. Warren Walker and Williams who want me to speak at annual meeting NY & NJ Metal Trades Assoc. on April 20th. Agreed.

Played lead for Dean Skip, Nauss #3, Beckwith #3 in a John Reid match against sour-grapes Bradley. Dean won handily 12-5.

January 26. To New York. Called on JB at 25 Broadway. He showed me around his establishment and introduced me to some of his associates.

To 111 Broadway to meet with Tony Reinach. Lunched at Lawyers' Club and back to his office for 1½ hour chat, he claiming

a loss of enthusiasm for FEE; that LER was FEE and then proceeding to diagnose LER, not much of which was right in my view. I explained that his loss of enthusiasm was due to going ahead of our grammar school (perhaps incorrect) and that I wished everyone would thus advance. This fact, however, does not preclude our usefulness to others who aren't in kindergarten yet. Tony, quite an egotist in spite of his professions of humility, seemed to react OK to this. Oh, well!

Spent an hour with WCM at 31/A.

To Plaza and a long session with Alberto Benegas-Lynch, Minister of the Argentine Embassy in Washington. This gent is a libertarian. He wants all of FEE material past, present, and future translated into the Spanish and sent to a wide list in his country. We discussed details, techniques, and costs, probably a \$75,000 annual project. This is the beginning of something I think, and I will be seeing much more of him.

To NAM. About 37 of the senior staff met in their Board Room for cocktails and dinner. My remarks and discussion went on until 9:35 PM. Some, I believe, were impressed, others not. There may be some soul-searching in the place.

January 27. On phone several times with Paul Palmer of Readers Digest and with Chuck Sligh of Grand Rapids on the George Bronner story. RD wants the story but wishes their Don Wharton to go to Grand Rapids and do some checking. Everything appears to be worked out providing Wharton doesn't "butch" the story.

Ag, Ed Opitz, and I to NY for dinner with Ben and Kitty at Club 21. Discussion about a speech of his presenting a "balance sheet." Ben agreed to do the CMA speech in Toronto next June. Home at midnight.

January 28. Worked at FEE during forenoon. LER, Anderson #3, Robb #2, and Comstock #1 didn't get on ice until 3:00. Played against Jack Shaw et al of Ardsley. All of us curled rather well, winning 9-6.

Ag and I dined at the Russells', a very pleasant evening.

January 29. A day of much-needed loafing except for the late afternoon curling match. My rink with Brad #3, Robb #2, and Campbell #1 played Mahopac's #1 skipped by Bill Creasy. We went into the tenth with a lead of 11-3 and when their first rock went through the house, we called the game. We curled well. Aside: Goldthorpe, playing some other club, won 25-0, the worst clobbering I have heard of.

January 30. Phoned Chuck Sligh. The RD's Don Wharton turns out, according to Wolfe, to be a New Dealer and biased union-labor-wise. I warned Chuck to have George Bronner on guard. Chuck then wanted to know if I could come to Boca Raton, Florida this week. Replied it was possible but I preferred not to. He phoned later saying that he had had in mind my appearing before

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NAM's Board Committee to study the scholarship requirements of their staff; that he had phoned the chairman, Malcolm Ferguson, Head of Bendix Aviation; that the agenda was too crowded in Boca Raton; that I was wanted at next meeting some weeks hence. Agreed.

Phoned Currie at Montreal confirming Ben's acceptance of June 7 CMA invitation. Also suggested that maybe Lew Douglas wouldn't do as good a free market exposition as we might hope. WCM gave me some new doubts on this.

Phoned Bob Lawrence, Texas Bureau for Economic Understanding in Dallas, about his program with teachers and his excellent use of our material.

Robert Ginna, Ex. V.P. of Rochester Gas and Electric, phoned. Ben had complained to him about the utilities not coming in with the money as promised; that 12 grand more had to be raised. Ginna said we would have it all shortly. Also reported that they had won over Senator Ives.

January 31. Paul Palmer phoned saying RD couldn't use George Bronner article. Their gent, Wharton, to use JB's term, is a weenie.

Had a nice letter from Andrew Springfield and wrote him offering the post of Ex. Secy. of FEE on a part-time basis while he gets his PhD at NYU.

Bob Ginna's \$1,000 arrived. This brings the income for January to \$80,445, the biggest month in FEE's history except last July which included Mr. Pew's near \$93,000.

Bob Marshall and Patricia, his daughter, were visitors for several hours, including lunch. Bob, a 46-year old professional entertainer, is seriously interested in FEE's philosophy. Fine persons.

Randy Compton phoned from Pittsburgh asking that I send an invoice for J & L's contribution.

Sligh phoned from High Point, NC, to tell me that Wharton had "pulled out," news already given me by Palmer. Reported that Wharton's bias was evident to him after a few minutes of talk.

February 1. Predicting the future requires nothing more than figuring out what God has in mind and the mistakes man will make.

Appended is the invitation to share in the presentation of the Festschrift to Mises.

Gave the go-ahead for an additional dining room at FEE -- about \$6,000 without furnishings.