

The Road Ahead

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THE FEELING is universal that Russia is our greatest enemy. There is no question but that Russia is our obvious enemy, but our greatest enemy is an idea. That idea is communism with its retreat from freedom and liberty of the individual. If the great war should materialize and Russia and her satellites were vanquished, communism would still be here. The long-run problem of the counter revolution would still be with us. Moreover, in the process of carrying on that war, we ourselves would continue down the road of the all-powerful state.

Our short-term problem is to win both the hot and cold wars which are upon us. Our long-run problem is to be the vanguard of the race of free men, which means a radical realignment of the economic policies of the state. Interference with free market relationships of agricultural products, raw materials, and finished goods, to achieve real freedom, must be gradually ended. Natural laws must be discovered and followed in economics, just as they have been discovered and followed in mathematics, physics, chemistry and astronomy.

One hundred and seventy-four years ago *The Wealth of Nations* was published in England. That volume played a great part in the struggle for freedom and liberty. Seventy-one years ago a book with the provocative title of *Progress and Poverty* was published in the United States. That volume made a science out of economics and pointed a way to the laws of nature by which freedom and liberty would reach their ultimate goal. That study is one of the world's greatest classics in logic, ethics, and economics. Let me commend its study to you in this day of great problems as it holds on high the torches of freedom and liberty, supported by unassailable logic, great knowledge, and implicit truth.

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