

Fundamental Freedom

FREEDOM — THE ONLY END,
by F. McEachran. Johnson Publications, Ltd., London, 1966.
126 pp. \$3.

One reading is not enough for this book. It is the fruit of years of thought and is written in a condensed style that requires reviewing and pondering—an effort for which the reader will be well rewarded.

Mr. McEachran is known to Georgists through his scholarly paper, "Henry George and Karl Marx," wherein he showed the superiority of George's philosophy of freedom. The subject is explored in depth in this book. The author builds up his case from fundamental premises—"The Law of Nature" is his first chapter—and shows how freedom is the right and natural way—"the only end."

Mr. McEachran advises that this is a book on philosophy rather than economics, but he touches on economics in order to outline certain essential

conditions for freedom. Free access to land, community collection of rent and a free and unhindered economy are among the requisites.

The author thinks we can do without government more than I think we can, although I heartily agree that government today has spilled over into areas where it does not belong.

Another quibble is with the interpretation of nature. "Roll away the boulder and the grass with its greenness will reassert itself," he says. But the boulder is part of nature too, and it takes a certain amount of "interference" to roll it away.

These are minor points. The work is deep and thoughtful, and I am particularly in accord with this argument for freedom: "All we can do . . . is to draw the moral that the world individually and collectively contains a principle of growth which, when operating freely, will provide the best possible life."

—R.C.



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