

Community Comment for January 30, 2013  
This is Phil Arnot for Community Comment on KINS Radio.

I thought I would finish my earlier comments about the Consertive Movement today as I read about more lesser known Conservative authors, economists and political thinkers.

Some of those lesser known authors are Midge Decker, Frank Meyer, Forrest McDonald, Leonard Read and Ben Rogge.

Midge Decter, also beginning from the political left finally realized that reality brought sanity. She wrote about femanism, which she said was a resolute defense of democracy against tyranny. She wrote about femanism and the commitment that unites the conservative movement.

Frank Meyer, an ex-communist, eventually embraced conservatism. His communist leanings came from his education at Oxford University in the late 1920's. In 1962 he published a most important book "In Defense of Freedom". In this book he promoted Conservatism by arguing that Libertarians and Tradionalists share a common conservation, although they approach it from a different perspective.

Forrest McDonald, loved history because he was a historian. He strongly believed in tradition and that it be given a place of honor. He wrote often about our founding documents and especially our Constitution and the framers conviction that the essence of tyranny is the unrestrained will of the sevedrign, which in our case is the federal government. He said that our system of checks and balances was <sup>what</sup> ~~the balance~~ we needed.

Leonard Read is the founder of the Foundation for Economic Education. He published 27 books and numerous articles about the American Experience and its commitment to the free market. He wrote about the lumberjacks who harvested the trees, the trucks and saws essential for the harvesting, the railroads that carry the logs to the mills and the workers at those saw mills.

Lastly, Professor Ben Rogge was a friend of Milton Friedman. He was an exuberant and <sup>taked about</sup> knowledgable defense of economic freedom. He spoke and wrote extensively that Capatalism's success is promoting economic growth and its fundamental principals of life.

I leave you with a point to ponder: Do you not agree with me that economic freedom has given us the ability to choose our way of life in this great country of ours.

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