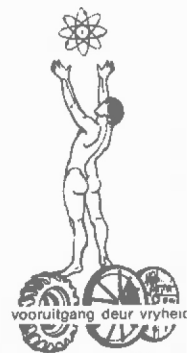


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STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

Many of our readers know by now that the Free Market Foundation, founded in August 1975, has now been replaced by the Free Market Foundation (Southern Africa). The inaugural congress of this new foundation will be held in March 1977 at a date and venue to be announced.

All the past issues of "The Individualist" up to and including the October 1976 issue were published by the Free Market Foundation.

The editors of "The Individualist" feel very strongly about the Free Market and Individual Liberty. They also believe that, in order to gain more members, which in turn will mean more money to finance its operation, the Free Market Foundation (Southern Africa) FMF (SA) will have to adopt a more conservative approach towards government intervention in the lives of the citizens.

An outspoken champion of Free Market economics like "The Individualist" may thus become, in certain instances, a liability to the new broader based FMF (SA). After careful consideration and discussion with the interim executive committee of the FMF (SA), the editors of "The Individualist" have decided to publish this bulletin on an independent basis. This will ensure that we can maintain our outspoken attitude and that we can still co-operate with the FMF (SA).

The editorial policy of "The Individualist" will remain the following:

- (a) We believe that all people have a right to life and the right to conduct it as they see fit, provided they do not impinge upon the similar rights of any person.
- (b) We believe that no man or group of men has the right to initiate the use of force, fraud or co-ercion against another man or group of men.
- (c) We believe that the only political system consistent with the above-mentioned principles is a limited government democracy.
- (d) We believe that the only economic system consistent with the above-mentioned principles is the Free Enterprise System based on non-intervention of government.

"The Individualist" will endeavour to further these principles by any lawful means and will continue to write about, criticize and satirize any "sacred cows" of our establishment.

Our subscription rate will remain at R12 per year and we hope that our subscribers will continue to give us their loyal support. We know that there are many silent voices protesting against the violation of our economic and other liberties. Support us. We will speak for you.

BIG BROTHER AND MORALITY

It remains beyond our understanding that the Government does not keep out of the realm of saving souls. Surely, that area belongs to the church. All those investigating officers wasting all the taxpayers' money on finding out which ladies are selling their virtues or showing their goodies! And then the courts waste hundreds of valuable man-hours trying to prove their "guilt". The newly-created "criminals" get jail sentences and spend 12 months and more — again at the taxpayers' expense. When shall Big Brother and the majority of voters realize that morality cannot be legislated? That acts between consenting adults and entered into voluntarily, should be outside the province of governmental action. All that money and effort can be spent in preventing real crime —

where fraud, violence or the threat of violence is involved.

Take pin-ball machines as another example. Is it the function of the state to keep kids off the street or does that responsibility rest with the parents? Must the state legislate to protect the morals of youth or does that responsibility lie in the home?

Big Brother usually tries to give us what we ask for (whether it succeeds is another story). So if we ask government to prevent us from doing evil, we land up with some of our liberties taken away. This process gradually leads toward totalitarianism.

It takes a long time but that is where it ends. And we deserve it — by default.