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## ANNUAL APPEAL - F.R.H.

### Second Request

Here we are knocking at your door again. Our warm thanks to those who responded to our first appeal, sent with The Communicator last autumn. Because we must pass the hat again, each must decide whether he can go a little further to enable FRH to meet its opportunities. Those who did not respond are asked especially to review our need; their resources and interest; and to give generously at this time.

As previously reported, dues of \$5.00 (which now include husband and wife without extra cost, if requested) only begin to help us, in part, publish our magazine. Further program calls for added giving. As Edwin H. Wilson retires to Florida (ending his formal work as administrator for FRH on August 1, 1970, he will at long last get on with his writing of a Humanist history at the age 72), he does so with great satisfaction that in Lester Mondale as president and Interim Administrator, Robert S. Hoagland as Editor, and James M. Hutchinson as Book Editor, we have a team that is committed to FRH—its development, influence and viability. Doris A. Slaughter, who has worked for Humanism (AHA and FRH) for eight years, has been named Office Manager.

Joan Hertzberg, member of the Unitarian Fellowship, is our accountant and auditor, responsible for the accurate handling of our

fiscal affairs, including financial statements and government reports. We have a good working set-up with one staff position yet to fill, that of a mature secretary who can answer correspondence on her own and transcribe letters dictated electronically by volunteer officers and Editor in absentia. We need more money than we have in sight to secure such a person. With about 650 active, dues-paying members and a minimum of \$5000 to be raised, we hope that our \$100-plus club contributors will renew, that others will step up their giving. We have ordered 24,000 contact and informational leaflets (costing .015 each). Meetings at Seattle and St. Louis will be an expense. We need to conduct other conferences and lectures in many places if and when resources permit.

We know that money is not easy to come by these days, by any means. Every mail brings appeals from various organizations which tug at our heart and purse strings. The key to our response to this appeal is in our program. When our 1969 program in Boston was reported in UUA NOW, it appeared under the caption "SANITY, SWEET SANITY." If you were there, you know that meant reasonableness in the midst of chaos, which is our aim. There is a crying need for sanity everywhere: for thought before action; for understanding democratic methods; for considerations of principles and goals.

Moreover, it is ours to affirm that there is still a place for religion within a naturalistic frame. Religion tends to be forgotten by some cause-followers and

activists, sometimes to the extent that religious liberal institutions appear to express almost everything but concern for religious meanings and growth. Our aim is better to understand and cultivate religious experience, attitudes, and values. Our aim therefore is to supplement the work and stimulate the religious emphasis in all the groups with which we are affiliated---UUA, AHA, AEU. In all these groups, the religious dimension needs emphasis.

It is important especially that thoughtful writing be continued. Our magazine goes to ministers of many denominations. Over 250 university, college, and seminary libraries are among our subscribers. Our outreach, potentially, is wherever religion, broadly interpreted, is taught, studied or practiced. The fundamentalists are watching us again. Humanism is being made the new devil in attacks by Birchers of Fundamentalists, attacks which should be answered.

Under our new Editor, added effort will be made through directness, clarity, editorial relevance, and artistic appeal to widen our number of readers; this including intelligent lay readers. At a time when too little genuinely thoughtful writing on issues of ultimate concern is found, we have a neglected task to perform. With the death of other journals or their diversion exclusively to practical applications, the field is wide open to a good journal of humanistic religious liberalism.

Moreover, it is apparent that science and technology cannot save us unless their users are stirred

to ask why and whither, in selecting research projects, and using technical knowledge and skills. Reformist activities are also not enough. The answer to human survival exists in part, with people, and the motivation fostered by religious humanism.

So we say not only "stay with us," but, "back us!" Back us with a generous contribution that will help make FRH a consequential influence for all of liberal, humanistic religion wherever it exists.

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Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as my(our) added or special contribution to the program of the FRH for 1970. I understand that this is over and above the basic dues of \$5.00 per person (or husband and wife).

Count me in as a member of the "One Hundred Plus Club." Check enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is \$5.00 in renewal or payment of my(our) dues. This includes a subscription to Religious Humanism.

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