

Please Listen, America!

TAXATION'S NEW FRONTIER, by Joseph S. Thompson, Robert Schalkenbach Foundation, New York 1961, 96 pages \$1.



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THIS concise little book examines the background that encouraged America to develop into the greatest industrial nation with the highest living standard in the world; and the author makes a careful analysis of a way to spur this progress lest it be stifled.

European settlers came to a wilderness and established an extraordinary society. Going right to the root of the matter, this successful business man, now semi-retired, observes five conditions which contributed to this development: there was no aristocracy, religion had no part in government, free public schools were established early, taxation was negligible, and free land was abundantly available.

Mr. Thompson finds the principal changes occurring in the last two conditions, with the result that we face declining impetus and the restricted freedom of "welfare" pensions in our old age unless we deal properly with two evils: the income tax and the disappearance of free land.

Joseph S. Thompson has concerned himself with solutions to these problems for a long time, during which he has become a devoted educator through the Henry George School. He started the San Francisco extension in 1949 and is still president of its board of directors. In 1960 he became president of the International Union for Land Value Taxation and Free Trade, and

also president of the Henry George School of Social Science, with headquarters in New York.

A native of San Francisco since 1878, Mr. Thompson claims descent from "the pick and shovelry of the Irishstocracy." This is typical of the wit which has made him a celebrated raconteur from coast to coast.

The author's struggle from "rags to riches," his success as an electrical inventor and as a corporate executive to make his inventions useful to his country, his unselfish service to the public welfare, and his absence of selfish motives, make his views worthy of the attention of all thinking people.

The policies discussed in this book concern every country in the world, and the author believes they are the basis of sensible international policy for peace. They are an essential basis to start the underdeveloped countries towards a sound industrial development.

If you think that Mr. Thompson has propounded strong arguments in favor of land value taxation, you are right. He believes that no domestic issue facing the country is more important than a fresh appraisal of its tax politics. When you read this condensed and delightful book, *Taxation's New Frontier*, it is my prediction that you will want to buy several copies for your friends.

Readers may order copies of *Taxation's New Frontier* from The Henry George News, 50 East 69th Street, New York 21, N.Y., at \$1 a copy.

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