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WHAT LAND AND FREEDOM STANDS FOR

We declare:

That the earth is the birthright of all Mankind
and that all have an equal and unalienable right
to its use.

That man's need for the land is expressed by
the Rent of Land; that this Rent results from the
presence and activities of the people; that it arises
as the result of Natural Law, and that it there-
fore should be taken to defray public expenses.

That as a result of permitting land owners to
take for private purposes the Rent of Land it
becomes necessary to impose the burdens of tax-
ation on the products of labor and industry, which
are the rightful property of individuals, and to
which the government has no moral right.

That the diversion of the Rent of Land into
private pockets and away from public use is a
violation of Natural Law, and that the evils aris-
ing out of our unjust economic system are the
penalties that follow such violation, as effect fol-
lows cause.

We therefore demand:

That the full Rent of Land be collected by the
government in place of all direct and indirect
taxes, and that buildings, machinery, implements
and improvements on land, all industry, commerce,
thrift and enterprise, all wages, salaries and in-
comes, and every product of labor and intellect be
entirely exempt from taxation.

That there be no restrictions of any kind imposed
upon the exchange of goods within or among
nations.

ARGUMENT

Taking the full Rent of Land for public purposes
would insure the fullest and best use of all land.
Putting land to its fullest and best use would create
an unlimited demand for labor. Thus the job would
seek the man, not the man the job, and labor would
receive its full share of the product.

The freeing from taxation of every product of
labor, including commerce and exchange, would
encourage men to build and to produce. It would
put an end to legalized robbery.

The public collection of the Rent of Land, by
putting and keeping all land forever in use to the
full extent of the people's needs, would insure real
and permanent prosperity for all.

*"We cannot safely leave politics to politicians, or political economy
to college professors. The people themselves must think, because the
people alone can act."—HENRY GEORGE.*