

Atlantic Charter Basis

SIRS: The following letter of mine appeared in the New York Sun:

"It is doubtful whether any government, hoping to see established a wider system of general security than would be provided by disarmament of aggressor nations, recognized the need for a reexamination by mankind of the remedy for the world's social and economic ills that is involved in the fundamental proposals of Henry George.

"Yet if the United Nations were to become prepared to abolish one after another when peace comes all imposts that are in their nature really taxes, and to resort for public revenues to economic rent or ground value; if these nations were to become prepared to make sure that their present enemies, after losing the war, collect the ground rent of their own lands; and if Allies and Axis were to invite the governments of the non-belligerent countries before final peace settlement to join with them in agreement for a transference of all public burdens to a tax upon the value of land, such an agreement perhaps to become an important part of a peace settlement, abundance and peace for all possibly could be secured.

"Repeal of taxes on industry and labor products well might be staggered over five years or more. The change in every country would tend to make the world one country. Trade would become free."

CYRIL CHARLES BARR.