

A Word With You

NO sooner do we recover from the shock of the white man's massacre of the Negro in South Africa than we get word of South Koreans shooting down South Koreans. The real issue is not the race question, but man's inhumanity to man.

Nevertheless, the race question is too often the focal point for man's display of inhumanity. The white man believes he is superior to all other races and so thinks he has a right to exploit and abuse them.

Look, say the white supremacy addicts, at our superior civilization; what can the Negro, or any other race, show to compare with it?

Short is memory and long is illusion! It is only for 350 years that North European civilization, which has since spread around the world, has been dominant. For ten times that length of time the centers of civilization were around the Mediterranean, of very mixed racial components—and in the Orient for an even longer period. And it is only for one-tenth of 350 years that the spotlight has been on North America.

But such is human nature, that when the spotlight of civilization falls on any nation, they think that it was destined from the beginning of time and that it will last forever. "The Athenians! Who are *they*?" roared the Persian king. He found out—and by and by it was the Athenians turn-

ing up their noses at the Roman barbarians—who in turn recoiled from those primitive tribes up North. Now the northern tribes are basking in their moment of ineffable supremacy, looking down on Negroes and such.

Is it not clear, after so many examples, that the arts of civilization can be passed from nation to nation, from race to race? The Negroes of Africa as well as of the Western hemisphere, made giant steps in learning the arts of technology, self-government, etc. Just because they haven't much of a past, who is so rash as to say they have no future? The first country of the Western hemisphere, by the way, to adopt land value taxation, is a predominantly Negro country—Jamaica.

There is another island in the Caribbean dominated by Negroes and colored people. They hold practically all the important government positions, run nearly all the business and conduct the cultural life of the island. On this island there also exists a wretched colony of decrepit white people living as beachcombers, descendants of the early colonists, who still nurse their superiority and refuse to mix with the colored people.

Let the white man learn the true meaning of the equality of all men before he has to learn this lesson the bitter way.

—Robert Clancy

Vol. 23, No. 6

May, 1960

The Henry George News, published monthly by the Henry George School of Social Science, 50 E. 69th Street, New York 21, N.Y., supports the following principle:

The community, by its presence and activity, gives value to land, therefore the income from land values (rent of land) belongs to the community and not to the landowners. Labor and capital, by their combined efforts, produce the goods of the community—known as wealth. This wealth belongs to the producers. Justice requires that the government, representing the community, collect the rent of land for community purposes and abolish the taxation of wealth.

Publication committee: Ezra Cohen, William S. O'Connor and Lancaster M. Greene, chairman. Editor: Alice Elizabeth Davis. Subscriptions \$2 a year; single copies 20¢. Second class postage paid at New York, N.Y.