

To the Editor of the Sunday Observer (October 23, 1983)

In all the attention given to Mrs. Thatcher's Conservative Party conference speech, one point has been missed. This was when she said: "There is no public money - only taxpayer's money."

She is mistaken. There is a vast source of public money, created by the public, attached to land. It stems directly from population and from industrial growth and activity. The unearned income which attaches to land is the rightful property of the community. To allow this value to be appropriated by individuals means that the community is robbed of its wealth.

Mrs. Thatcher puts herself forward, among other things, as a champion of law and order. How can she and her party claim this when they fail to recognise this robbery built into our legal system? When a farmer today who owns only a few hundred acres of land can become a millionaire, while the unemployed parent who breaks into a coin meter to feed a hungry child is prosecuted, something is seriously wrong with the distribution of wealth.

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