



The signs are mounting now that what we have achieved in this ["Tidying Up" the Local Scene, December 1965 HGN] opens the way to a major breakthrough. I suppose what we ought to be doing is to create a full time "campaign directorate" on a salaried basis. It is a tantalizing prospect that I consider would pay big dividends not only in that it would give us enthusiasts devoting 100 percent of their time to the work, but it would make available a great deal of voluntary help to the movement. How to get the cash, as always, is the real tantalizer. Perhaps we will see how if we keep applying our minds to the problem.

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Australia has had outstanding Georgists in the past, and we appreciate their achievements today. Capable and worthy successors are now at work in several places in addition to the main centers in Melbourne and Sydney.

But times have changed. The general trend is now to take it for granted that governments can and will solve social problems by means of the Welfare State. The strength of this "atmosphere" among all classes and ages makes much more difficult our task of breaking down error and building up truth.

The truth, of course, is still strong enough to break down error. Our experience with students in Sydney proves this. But our results are too slow. Our methods, our prestige and our public relations must be focused on building up Australia-wide cooperation in our movement. Our summer school in January offers special sessions for Georg-

ist workers and all are urged to attend. Participation in the discussions will strengthen and encourage us, and we trust, be profitable and pleasurable for participants.

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I believe we have made a mistake in interpreting socialism to mean the opposite of individualism. To my way of thinking, man cannot use himself unless he uses the earth he stands on; thus the power to charge man-rent for the use of the earth is the power to charge rent for man's use of himself.

In a free world men's competition to use themselves — to live by labor — under the most advantageous circumstances, will produce "rent," and the resultant power to collect rent must be either capitalized or socialized. Individual freedom would have more play under the latter.

We should strive for a monetary economy in which rent for the right to use the people's labor is collected by the people for the people. Money used in organizing and equipping people to increase their efficiency confers a greater rent-collecting power in proportion to the increase in efficiency effected. That is capitalism. Ignoring wars and depressions it makes for efficiency. It has played a beneficent part in social evolution, but it is based on a denial that the people have any in-born right to live by labor on this earth.

"Saved" money allows its owner to accumulate power to charge the community rent for the opportunity to live on earth by its own labor. He can sublet this power of charging rent for the use of the people to any entrepreneur he chooses.

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