

The Single Tax and Palestine

A NEWS item in the Philadelphia papers announces that the Single Tax plan of land control was recommended by the Mizrachi Zionist organization in convention in that city as the best system under which the Jews can return to possession of Palestine under protection of the Allies.

This is good news. Never has there been presented for a thousand years and more the opportunity for a nation to begin anew all political and economic institutions and to model such institutions in accordance with traditions that are among the most glorious chapters in the history of human freedom. The Mosaic code points the way. The recognition of the rights of man to the earth he must inhabit has in Hebraic history the sanction of teachings hallowed by the inspired priests and prophets of an ancient faith. If in the spirit of the old Hebrew tradition our Palestinians will seek to shape their institutions in the new land in accordance with the truth that Moses revealed, the name of Jew will borrow an added lustre and that of Moses will stand out with a new meaning for the world.

BY TAXING all the water out of land values—"water" being the value added by the owner's ability to monopolize a community need and to capitalize that monopoly—we should do away with unearned incomes, increase production, open opportunity and enthrone labor and service as the only qualifications entitling men and women either to competencies or the respect of their fellows.

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