

Georgism to Me

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THERE never was a more opportune time to hammer home Georgism than now by demonstrating that our present tax system plays directly into the hands of the Socialists and the Communists.

It is impossible to make a complete about change. When you are going sixty miles an hour in one direction, you cannot abruptly change your course.

Our leaders must take part in politics. They must be politicians in the best sense of the word; they must be statesmen-politicians, as Abraham Lincoln was. Lincoln was in principle absolutely opposed to slavery, but without compromising his principles he did not advocate the immediate abolition of slavery. If he had he would never have been elected president of the United States.

It will be impossible to abolish our present tax system with one stroke of the pen. The practical statesman must be willing to compromise. Only through compromise can we set the entering wedge. Most of the world's progress has been accomplished through compromise.

The Supreme Court of the United States in a recent decision—the celebrated *Shelley vs. Kramer* case (334 U. S. 1) held that every citizen is entitled to own land. Now it is up to us to show the people how this can be facilitated and brought about, by a very simple but fundamental change, in our uneconomic tax system.

Mankind is absolutely lost in a wilderness, and it is impossible for him who knows the way out to take his eyes and mind off this route. Even though others will not see it, or seeing it deny it, the one who does see the road out of the economic labyrinth will never stop trying to show others the way.

A great and lasting personal reward has come to me through Georgism, in that I have made many friends who are found in New York, Chicago, and far beyond in San Francisco and Los Angeles. Yes, and even across the oceans in Australia, New Zealand and England. Some I have come to know only through correspondence, but all these friendships I value among the richest treasures of my life.