

A NEW FRONTIER

The Intermountain Single Tax Association (ISTA) continues to grow. James L. Busey is President in Colorado and Earl A. Hanson is Secretary in Utah; and in the various mountain states, the latest count of members is 62. It is easy to join, as there are no dues, but prospective members must sign a statement supportive of Single Tax principles, so membership involves conviction.

One outstanding member obtained is Richard C. Gimmi, a state committeeman for the Arizona Republican Party. Mr. Gimmi and his supporters introduced the following resolution at the Arizona State Convention of the Party, attended by 420 delegates, and it was passed on January 25:

- WHEREAS the value of unimproved land is socially created; and
 - WHEREAS the improvements on land and the results of human labor should not be taxed; and
 - WHEREAS the present property tax system rewards owners of vacant inner city lands for not improving their property; and
 - WHEREAS the present property tax system encourages urban sprawl while leaving large inner city areas undeveloped:
- RESOLVED 1) that the Arizona Republican Party favors any measure which would cause a decrease or removal of all taxes which inhibit production, business, human labor or improvements on property; and
- 2) that the Arizona Republican Party favors any measure which would replace those lost revenues by increasing the site value tax on unimproved urban land.

"This," says an ISTA release, "is a great victory for Chairman Gimmi, for ISTA, and for the people of Arizona and the nation." Mr. Gimmi has been designated Arizona Chairman of ISTA.

ISTA, via Secretary Hanson, has urged Utah's Governor Norman Bangerter to veto Senate Bill 72 which would totally remove the land value component of the property tax for metalliferous mining. ISTA was supported in its position by the Iron County Commission which also urged the Governor to veto the bill.

Members of ISTA include some prominent persons even though they had not been previously known to the Georgist movement. In view of the good results, in the quest for a suitable name for the Georgist reform, we might consider the name of - the Single Tax!

Intermountain Frontier is the organ of ISTA. Its issue No. 4 announces the 2nd annual ISTA Conference to be held in Cedar City, Utah on September 6. For information, write to Earl A. Hanson, P.O. Box 207, Cedar City, UT 84720. For information about Intermountain Frontier, write to James L. Busey, Box 7, Manitou Springs, CO 80829.