



What would Henry George say to today's leaders seeking peace and economy in government? He would point out the need, not for parceling out estates, but of obtaining the highest and best use of the land. He would not thrust LVT on the Vietnamese but would reason with them and try to lead these splendid people along moral and progressive lines. We're in the war, we should not withdraw without giving them that basic reform without which all else is nothing.

The whole world knows now that socialism and communism are inferior, faulty economic philosophies. LVT works, and Vietnamese leaders could do no better than to examine those workings in Australia and in our California irrigation districts.

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Replying to Richard T. Hall (June HGN p. 14), South Vietnam needs peace and also a land reform. It seems that the war will carry on for a long time and to my opinion maybe as long as you do not solve the land problem. I suggest that the U.S. introduce a land reform right away (if necessary by dictating it) and the war will stop by itself. If the land reform is made in the Georgist way you will have justice as well.

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I am not qualified to nominate candidates for the Nobel Peace Prize (see June HGN p. 5). But I got a member of the Norwegian Parliament to present the nomination of the International Union.

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The article "An Experiment in India" (Feb. HGN) aptly illustrated the futility of financial aid to backward countries, and at the same time proves the truth of George's contention that under a system of absolute ownership of land by individuals, improvements in the efficiency of labor are absorbed by the landowner.

It is very frustrating to any Georgist to watch the ignorant and futile waste of our substance when we know that the need is not for money but for a knowledge of natural law and a government which will enforce it. Capitalism is the best hope of backward countries, but it is harassed and overtaxed, while they pursue their superstition of socialist folly, supported in their erroneous course by massive doses of capitalistic wealth which they in their ignorance both reject and desire.

The foreign aid program is based on the fallacy that man is a creator and his government a god that can raise up a kingdom of materialistic happiness by redistributing the wealth and meddling in all the affairs of the individual. When the philosophy of Henry George was rejected a vacuum was left which was readily seized by Karl Marx, who pitted labor against capital in a senseless struggle resulting in perpetual confusion.

When Henry George predicted that catastrophe would follow the trend away from scientific economics his words went unheeded, and now when the calamity is upon us, proving the keenness of his vision, we go on like dreamers in a hypnotic trance repeating errors, proliferating confusion and reaping a failure. Our politicians seem to believe they have tapped a source of endless wealth into which they can dip for the assumed magical cure-all, money — since evidently most people would rather go through perpetual turmoil than to think.

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