

Land Monopoly Cause of War

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I read Margaret E. Bateman's excellent article in the HENRY GEORGE NEWS (May, 1945) with very great sympathy and agreement. I was formerly a member of the Society of Land-Reformers in Berlin, Germany, under the leadership of my friend Adolf Damaschke. I was also a friend of Franz Oppenheimer, and naturally was deeply inspired by the glorious Henry George, whose works I know well. In August, 1941, I came from Berlin to this city, and I am very happy to be in the country of the great Henry George.

I agree completely with Miss Bateman that the land monopoly in Germany was the cause of this terrible war. Hitler and Company were engaged to save the land owners, the Junkers, as von Papen himself expressly declared. Because the Junkers would not give any of the land for the necessary settlement of the German people, and to combat the severe unemployment, Hitler, the agent of the Junkers and of the big industrialists, attacked Russia and the other countries to occupy more land for German settlers. This is the fundamental cause of Germany's World Wars I and II. All the other causes are secondary, as is the ideology for which Nietzsche is very responsible.

Damaschke prophesied in his book, "Bodenreform": "The social question is lying at the root of life of every nation. The nation which does not find the answer will go to ruin. The nation which does find the answer will find the way opened to its highest fulfillment. The decline or ascent of Germany, too, will be decided by it."

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