

eason that the price of coal to the consumer means using it or getting along without coal.

All three problems were wished on us by legislators, federal and state, and aggravated by subsequent legislation. But, as they now obtain, Congress is the only legislative body that is in any commanding position to remove the cause, and effect a cure of these three sore spots.

The *proper* adjustment of these three problems need not impose involuntary cooperation on anyone, especially farmers. It would remove most of the brakes that now impede industry and business; abolish involuntary unemployment and make it possible for the "least fortunate" third of our people to buy adequate food and shelter and clothing.

I will continue to urge upon the U. S. Congress, and industrialists, the imperative necessity for the inauguration of *two* potent remedies for our *under-distribution disease*, to wit: Less, *much less* government service and its bureaucratic snoopers, and, *reclamation* of the public's *earnings—rent*.

The pursuit of happiness, like health, is a process of *production, distribution and consumption*. And anything that *interferes* with that process must be, and is, *anti-social* and *un-constitutional*.

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EDITORS LAND AND FREEDOM:

There has been founded in Australia, an institute for the international exchange of information regarding the progress of the practical application of the principles of the famous American economist, Henry George. The founder of the institute is Mr. L. Thomson, who is internationally known as an author and a collaborator with "Literatura Mondo" of Budapest, an esperantist of twenty-six years standing, and a follower of Henry George since childhood. Believers in the principles of Henry George in every country and in every town or city, are requested to form international groups among themselves, possibly with the help of an expert esperantist, with the special aim of cooperating with the Australian organization in the following manner:

(1) Report every important advance made in your country or province or city or town concerning Single Tax, or the tax on land values, and the abolishment of taxes of other varieties.

(2) Report the name of every candidate for public office who if himself a Single Taxer, or who supports Single Tax in relation to the city council or the provincial or federal parliament; also report the result of such candidature—gain or loss, and the number of votes for and against. Report how much space given by the newspapers to reporting the candidate, or in any other way indicate the attitude of the press in regard to the Single Tax proposition. Indicate the importance of the newspapers referred to, whether daily or weekly, etc., and, if known, the circulation.

(3) Report each time an important statesman or government minister acknowledges the justice of the principle of the land values tax, or in any way shows himself favorable to it. Transmit only reliable statements and add accurate details, not hearsay. But act, do something, refuse to be outdated.

(4) Report concerning every election carried on under the proportional representation system.

(5) Report outstanding anomalies which result from the disproportionate election of parties, with details.

Membership in the institute is as follows:

Simple membership for one year, one international reply coupon (costing 12 cents at the post office), for which you will receive at least one reply. You may correspond as often as you wish, and will certainly receive a reply from the institute if you enclose a reply coupon.

Full membership, 4 shillings, or one dollar a year. Full members

receive each number of "The Letter"—which is a bulletin of information in esperanto which the central institute will compile from all parts of the world. The letter will be issued as often as possible during the year, and will contain the information received from various countries. The letter will be used by esperanto groups not only as reading matter, but as a source of information to be translated into the national language and printed in the local Single Tax magazine, or to be presented by word of mouth at Single Tax meetings, for the benefit of those who do not understand esperanto.

It is to be hoped that there will also be reported the names of local Single Taxers, with information as to their activities for Georgian affairs, in social circles, debates, etc. It is necessary that Single Taxers should feel themselves members of a large family circle, for their movement is essentially international. It is not necessary (however desirable it may be) that every Single Taxer should immediately become an esperantist; if only a dozen of the new members, with a few of the more mature youthful ones, become such, they will be able to use the international languages for the benefit of the Single Tax movement. All reformers must feel themselves encouraged to receive reports from other countries concerning the advances of Georgian principles, which must progress if we are to wipe out the crime of poverty.

So, "get busy." Any Single Taxer esperantist is eligible to join the institute, whose address is:

The Secretary, Internacia Instituto de Georgaj Aferoj,

Henry George Club, George's Lane, Melbourne, C 1, Australia.

REVENUE FROM LAND

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While a tax on land values (Single Tax) must be paid from the proceeds of labor—for it is only in the products of labor that taxes can be paid—yet it does not take from labor or capital. It only takes that part of the product which they cannot retain and which, if not taken in taxes, will go to the land owners, not for anything they do, but because they are the possessors of superior wealth-producing land which cannot be utilized by labor or capital without the payment of land rent. This rent the Single Tax would collect. The Single Tax therefore puts no burden whatever on the production of wealth.

Philadelphia, Pa.

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EDITORS LAND AND FREEDOM:

As a Single Taxer since 1904, and an admirer of Henry George from every standpoint, I would like to say a word about Albert Jay Nock's "Henry George." The reviews of that book all fail to reach the vital point, which is, that Nock does not understand "Americanism." He is as ignorant of the meaning of that term as taught by our fathers, Jefferson, Washington, etc., as a school kid. Yes, ignorant is the word—only that and nothing more, and there are multi-millions like him in that respect—sorry to say. You will remember that a few years back, Nock had an article in *Scribners* under the title, "Henry George, Unorthodox American." Now the title of that article shows Nock to be ignorant.

An orthodox American is one who believes in Americanism as per the Declaration of Independence, the Declaration of Human Rights, these—"We hold these truths to be self-evident, etc." Now any person who reads Henry George cannot but see that this Declaration of Human Rights, runs through his books like the warp in a web of cloth! So he must be an orthodox American—not unorthodox at all—as Nock stated in the heading of the article in *Scribners*. That is, Nock has yet to learn the meaning of true Americanism as per the Declaration. And being ignorant on that very point, he could not truly represent Henry George in any important particular. All the other reviewers of Nock's book have ignored this all important point.