

This year our country is celebrating its 200th birthday and there is universal rejoicing, yet there are unhappy and ominous things happening today that George foresaw. The Huns and Vandals bred by our own civilization are loose on the land and it is not merely the poor and wretched but also the rich and powerful who are eroding our civilization. This year celebrations are being held for the Bicentennial festivities, re-enactments of the events of 1776. But if there is any reason to celebrate the "Spirit of '76" we shall have to do more. We shall have to decide whether we want to continue the principles of liberty and justice on which our country was founded. If so we shall have to find ways of making them work and the Georgist movement will have to find somehow the means of getting the country to listen to its fundamental logic. There are some signs that Land Value Taxation is receiving more serious attention from the academic and legislative worlds than heretofore, but only some, not enough. On this Bicentennial, we, and by we I mean ourselves both as Georgists and as Americans, would do well to revive the spirit and meaning of '76 as well as the costumes.

One of our duties as citizens is to think, to be aware, to be discerning, to take responsibility. Our Founding Fathers did. They were the most knowledgeable as well as the most responsible men in the country, in fact of the world, and men of incorruptible honor, not just administrators of tremendous political manoeuvres and power, and that is why the country has stood. Up to now.