

REPLIES TO JAMES L. BUSEY ON POLITICAL ACTION

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In his article on "The Need for Political Action" (Autumn 1980 GJ), James L. Busey asks: "Did any one ever hear of an idea that was put into effect without the aid of political activity?"

I never heard of any parades or demonstrations in favor of Keynesian proposals, yet this economic philosophy dominated the Western world for at least thirty years. It seemed to operate via a direct connection between the professors and the bureaucrats. And when do we get a chance to vote on the drastic interest rates imposed by the Federal Reserve? In fact, what political movement was there to get the Fed started in the first place?

On the more positive side, the single tax colonies of Fairhope and Arden were started by just being started. Mildred Loomis calls our attention to the land trust movement - basically non-political - which seeks to create small colonies, mostly agricultural, and to collect the rent for their social needs.