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"SILENCE AND MISREPRESENTATION"

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The "I-You Chat" and many of the contributions in IUM No. 11 set me thinking.

Recently I read a most interesting essay on Henry George by Albert Jay Nock (1939). The essay is in sympathy with George, but Nock wonders how it is that "one of the first half-dozen of the world's creative geniuses in social philosophy... is today pre-eminently the Forgotten Man of Anglo-American civilization." Nock does not believe the reason can be that "George antagonized vested interests which were extremely powerful and influential... could any vested interest be that powerful?"

Personally, I believe that the whole scale of ridicule, soft-peddling, conspiracy of silence and even misrepresentation has been used against Henry George's teachings, which are the real menace against the monopolies. Coercive socialism is "of human origin and will collapse." Not so with Henry George's teaching: "If it is from God, you will never be able to put it down, and you risk finding yourselves at war with God." Meanwhile, our consolation must be that "truth is mighty and will prevail."

The two articles from the Antipodes are very much to the point: Mr. E.P. Middleton's demonstration that we are off the track and Mr. H.T.A. McGahan's that we should find some way of convincing "the ordinary man and his wife."

By the way, Australia and New Zealand, under the threat of the "awful avalanche" are no doubt interested in the world-wide application of Georgist principles to international affairs. I have caused the IULVTFE to be proposed for the Nobel Peace Prize. During the last four years it has been a candidate without apparently rousing any interest in the Nobel Committee which is really a gemmation of the Parliament (Storting) with its parties, all socialistic, irrespective of denominations.