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Dear Mr. Evans:

Your letter of July 18th, printed in the Herald-Tribune of July 23 rd, indicates that you are doing some real thinking concerning present-day problems, and also that you are desirous of exercising sound judgment in arriving at your conclusions.

In spite of this, you seem to find no "pat" answer to your home town girl's query as to "why you support the capitalistic system." Perhaps the reason for your dilemma lies in the fact that you have not been looking in the right place for the answer.

The system under which we have been living can hardly be termed "capitalistic", since it has become more socialistic than capitalistic. A government that takes 60% of the earnings of its citizens is not altogether capitalistic. Also, when our government, through its stupidity, so clutters up its economic system as to destroy opportunity for self-employment to such an extent that it finds it necessary to institute the dole, boondoggling, social security, price control, and to pay subsidies - to say nothing of killing little pigs and plowing under cotton and corn - and then taxing its citizens in order to pay farmers for not raising wheat, I feel that this can hardly be considered a capitalistic system. If anyone tells you that capitalism has failed, you can be sure the failure is due more to the socialism that has been superimposed upon our system rather than to any weakness inherent in free capitalism where real competition prevails.

Nor have we ever had free enterprise in the past. The so-called capitalist era of the early nineteenth hundreds was really a monopolistic system and not "laissez faire", and since all monopoly is government made, this too should be placed upon the doorstep of our government.

Political economy is a science which is just as natural and certain as the sciences of physics, chemistry, or electricity, and as long as we tolerate the violation of the natural laws governing this science and accept a planned and coerced economy forced upon us by politicians, pressure groups and social planners, the trend will continue in the direction of communism.

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I am writing to tell you that I was fortunate in finding the answer in the study of the fundamentals of political economy as taught by Henry George. This has helped me and thousands of others in finding that there is an answer to every question and a solution to every problem, if we will but set ourselves to the task of finding them.

I am asking the Henry George School to send you literature concerning their free classes conducted at the School for adults or by correspondence, if you prefer. I trust this will help you in finding the answer to the enigma which is troubling you. I shall look forward to seeing more of your letters in our Metropolitan newspaper.

Sincerely yours,

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