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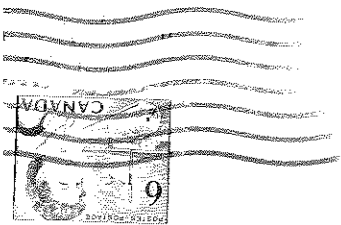
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servants to your individual and collective masters. " No longer a threat to a corrupt social order, the church of Paul thereafter flourished.

A sect known as Jehovah's Witnesses used to proclaim that people should live by the J.W. interpretation of selected parts of the Bible. Nevertheless through the stupidity shone a certain ray of stubborn resolution. One had to admire them when they said that their duty was to live by their principles no matter what elected or other authority decreed. One had to accord them some measure of justification when they claimed that the public school system was perverting the minds of their children. Now the J.W. sect is numerous and they have even published a manual for use in their Sunday schools. But oh, what a falling-off there is! The little manual states that we must have taxes and tells the poor little J.W. victims that the good government provides them with things like schools where they must strive to please. Here we have a complete volte-face.

Whenever a reform movement achieves a certain numerical degree of support, the consensus of its members cannot differ by much from the general consensus of the unreformed around. Ironically, members of such a movement will show the same kind of intolerance toward another reform movement as was shown them in their days of struggle. Therefore pity that poor victim who stands offering his "Awake", who can awaken no-one, or that visitor to the door who does not know that taxes are an abomination because nature (or Jehovah) causes a natural social fund to arise whenever a community comes into being. That fund is the rent of land. It belongs to all.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Please note that rural routes have been shuffled in Aldergrove. Our new address is R.R. #5 (FIVE)

### POLITICIANS CAN'T CONTROL

Many people are becoming aware that political price and wage controls only serve to intensify the problems they are intended to solve. Nature's control is the only type that can prove effective. When commodities are scarce, prices naturally rise. The rising prices give greater rewards to producers who will increase production in order to get rich quick. The increase of production will lessen the scarcity and the price will drop.

The ridiculous results of Richard Nixon's wage and price freeze are being given lots of publicity. The most stupid outcome of the control of beef prices is that since there is no price control on imported meat, U.S. cattle are being shipped to Canada and are then being imported again free from price control. The U.S. customer pays a higher price for this meat than he would have done without wage and price control. The speculator thrives, the community is over-charged.

### GOST OF LAND TITLES

Where 264 St. crosses highway 401, Grosvenor -Laing was buying up land for \$500 an acre 10 years ago. Now Block Bros. advertises "5 acre estates" in this area, priced from \$29,000. From \$500 to \$6,000 an acre is an increase of 1200%, and for what reason? Why, Block tell us in their advertisement, - "Close to rapidly expanding Aldergrove and Langley City where there are shops, banks, elementary and secondary schools, churches and recreational facilities. Did Block provide these advantages? Of course not! It is the public who provide all these things, the public who allow Block Bros. and other speculators to cash in on their investments of labour and capital.

### NATURE CONTROLS

The price of beef seems to be in everyone's mind. It is high primarily because of a shortage of stock-feed on a world-wide scale. Protein sources are being expanded on the Prairies. Rape has become a widely-grown crop, and other crops are being tried, among them, horse-beans. So, because farmers are fairly free to grow what they want, the declining protein sources of fish-meal and soybean are being supplemented. Individual decisions by farmers have helped make up a deficiency. Planning politicians in Ottawa have not been needed.

In B.C. much of the cattle feed is imported. Washington state usually ships great quantities of alfalfa to the Fraser Valley, but poor growing conditions this year have resulted in very light crops. The same conditions have affected B.C. pastures of the interior and so there is a great demand for any kind of hay. In the Fraser Valley, baled hay in the field cost \$24 a ton last year, but now it costs \$40 a ton. Consequently it certainly pays to make hay.

Our study of economics tells us that the poorest land in use pays wages only, so we can be sure that from this marginal land last year, only \$24 of hay could be produced whereas this year \$40 of hay can be obtained. Clearly poorer land can be taken into use, and that is what any observer can see to be happening today. Areas which last year were not worth cutting because of poor quality, or too small a size for modern machinery to harvest comfortably, are now being cut.

Scarcity of hay has resulted in increased supply

because people could decide for themselves whether to produce hay or not. Unfortunately only a small proportion of the possible increase has been achieved because great acreages are held by investors who will not give permission for cutting, also suitable grassland has been subdivided into small plots as in the area to the south of Langley airport where a large field is criss-crossed with many fences which divide it into small plots, only one of which has any kind of building upon it. On 232nd Street, 3200 block some middle-class investors prevented a neighbouring farmer from cutting hay on their speculative holding typical of many in the Fraser Valley. Now the thistles grow, the alder springs up, mature grass dies and presents a fire-hazard. We can see therefore that the fiction of land ownership has impeded the making up of the shortage of hay, and that freedom to produce hay is a meaningless expression unless there is access to grassland.

The only way to bring speedy relief to a situation of scarcity is to make land-holding conditional upon the payment of rent to the public in lieu of taxes. Speculators would have to get out of the real estate business and allow the land to be more productive under the cultivation of people now eager to work, but effectively impeded.

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JESUS OR J.W.

There is a very startling book by Ignatius Singer entitled "The Rival Philosophies of Jesus & Paul", The book is startling because it shows that the Christian message of the universal brotherhood of man with its implications of the dignity of all individuals and the evils of servitude to an individual or state, was side-tracked by Paul to read, "Be submissive and industrious