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ground-dues.

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BENSON AGAIN

As we go "to duplicator", Edgar Benson is in the hot seat. It appears that the planners' exchange rate for the dollar is not working out as planned. We know, of course, that if governments attempt to fix exchange rates as they have done for many years, other economic malfunctions appear as a result. Canada's dollar has been pegged at a discount to the U.S. dollar ever since John Diefenbaker imagined that this was the way to get the better of the U.S., exporting more, and importing less. And so, we have been crucified, sending away our best lumber and using the poorer grades ourselves, buying U.S. goods made doubly dear by both tariff and discount.

Places like Blaine, Bellingham, Wichita, Seattle did a lot of business with Canadian residents when the Canadian dollar was free. Now Bellingham particularly has become run down, for Canadians have not been spending freely for more than a decade. Yes, we hit Uncle Sam in the teeth, but with our noses!

Benson is going to allow the Canadian dollar to return to a "floating Rate of exchange". This could mean that the dollar goes free to find its own level as determined by the free exchangeability of currencies. While Benson was on the hot seat, T.V.-wise, newspaper columnists were firing questions. These people never seem to tire of parading their impaired mentality as they repeat the fashionable jargon, talking of "cost-push", "demand-pull", and talking glibly about "the economy", as they portentously explain how they would plan better, usually demanding "wage and price controls", or at least, "guidelines". On T.V., it was obvious that the wind was taken out of their sails. Benson was going to let the exchange-rate go uncontrolled! This was heresy! Of course it could only be a temporary measure, Etc. etc.

— Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings!

FRAILENAL MESSAGE Mr. Jerry F. Enright of Liverpool, N.Y. asks for copies of FREEMOIK. and will exchange copies of the publications "The Plain Truth" and "Tomorrow's World" which are devoted to the attainment of social justice through economic enlightenment.

Mr. Enright sends our readers his compliments and wishes for us what we wish ourselves, — a good life, and time to enjoy it.

OLYMPICS BRING PEOPLE, BRING RENT

Vancouver mayor, Tom Campbell, has just returned from Amsterdam where he made an effort to boost Vancouver's Garibaldi Park as an Olympic Games site. The I.O.C. was not as enthusiastic, and the vote was cast for Montreal.

Since Garibaldi was seen as a serious contender for the venue, there has been a steady speculative rise in prices of land titles in the locality, for Olympic games bring people from all over the world, and people bring with them, ground rent wherever they gather.

Now, there will be no sudden influx, and so the anticipated rise is delayed. Our friends who have had the prudence and foresight (not to mention abstinence and intelligent planning) to buy on a rising market, are stuck. They will, no doubt hold out for something like the prices they gave, prices no genuine developer can pay. The area will perhaps stagnate and decay.

Maybe strong enough representations will be made at Ottawa for the pouring of money into some worthy scheme. Will the public be delighted to subsidise these land speculators whose sphere of clairvoyance did not include Amsterdam? Will they know, or will they really care?

COMMISERATION

One of our subscribers lost his sister recently to a bullet from a drug-crazed gunman. A small daughter was left motherless.

The time is past when we could sit back and allow the world to pass us by. We cannot look the other way lest we ourselves be marked men. The belief that by staying uninvolved we shall not incur the wrath of the violent is now shattered. We are now totally involved. None of us can be sure that today we shall not meet some crazed victim carrying a weapon. The Kennedy family with all its wealth could not avert the assassin. How can we poor folk surround ourselves with twenty-four hour protection each day?

It's time to get out and do something, - talk to colleagues, friends and neighbours, bring someone along to an economics discussion group, write letters to editors, to those whose letters you see published. There is no-one who could not carry out a resolution to be responsible for at least one convert to the principles of economic science this year. Let us trade evil for good.

Friman, we are sure your niece will find love awaiting her. May she grow up to feel worthy and wanted. May all those fighting injustice in any of its forms, redouble their efforts so that she may come to live in the happiness and security which only human beings living in equal freedom may know.