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WHY STUDY ECONOMICS?

Rich people pose a much larger threat to our environment than poor people. This is the opinion of Jean Mayer, professor of nutrition at Harvard University and Presidential adviser on hunger.

800 million pounds of trash a day, a great deal of which ends up in our fields, our parks, and our forests. Only one-fifth of the 100 billion pounds of paper we use every year is reclaimed. Each year we abandon 9 million cars, trucks and buses."  
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COLOR HIM BLUE

"Rich people occupy more space, consume more of each natural resource, disturb ecology more and create more land, air, water, chemical, thermal, and radioactive pollution than poor people," states Mayer.

The U.S. accounts for only 6 percent of the world's population. Yet in 1966 this rich nation consumed 34 percent of the energy produced in the world, 29 percent of the steel, and 17 percent of the cut timber.

"Perhaps the most ridiculous of recent U.S. expenditures was a \$72,123 grant to a university in Yugoslavia to finance a study 'to find out why white wine turns brown, and what can be done about it.' Considering the State Department's obsession with wasting money on any number of posterous projects, that \$72,000 might better been spent on a study to determine why the American taxpayer is turning blue."

The super-rich, Mayer claims, are also super-polluters. "We produce

From the Richmond  
NEWS LEADER

"BETTER CITIES"

New color documentary - New Jersey Premier showing, Thursday April 2nd at headquarters, Henry George School, 149 So. Harrison St., East Orange. This film was awarded The Silver Award of the International Film & T.V. Festival of New York. Introduction is by George Romney. Appearing in the film are many nationally known personalities such as Guy Brewer, former president of U.S. Plywood Champion Papers; Carl Madden of U.S. Chamber of Commerce; Robert W. Hutchings, president of the Center for Study of Democratic Institutions; John Keith, president of the New York Regional Plan Association; Roger Starr, director of the Citizens Housing and Planning Council; James Clarkson, Mayor of Southfield, Mich., and from universities Professors Lowell Harris, Mason Gaffney, and Dick Netzer, ranking economists.

You and your friends are cordially invited to the premier which will be followed by discussion. You need have no hesitancy in inviting anyone to view this film.

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## "FREEFOLK"

This is the title of a new publication just received. Editor and publisher is J.A. Bryan, 25805 Fraser Highway, R.R. 3, Aldergrove, B. C., Canada. Subscription \$1. Devoted to explaining the social nature of ground rent and the injustice of taxation. Advocating the complete abolition of taxation. The public collection of the freely offered and automatically adequate ground-dues.

From Vol. 1, #1, Jan. '70 we learn "A second discussion group in scientific economics held its first meeting in the New Westminster Public Library and 20 students are enrolled. The School of Economic Science in Calgary (where next annual Conference of Henry George School will be held this coming July) 100 students are presently enrolled. And in London, it is estimated 700 students were enrolled in various courses of the HGS located there."

## AUSTRALIA'S LAND BOOM

Australia's Northern Territory must be reminiscent of America's West of the 19th Century. The land is being grabbed in chunks as big as some of our states by private companies and individuals.

One company owns 1,591 square miles just a bit more than the size of the state of Rhode Island. And the land rush is on in a big way!

There are over 20,000 square miles in the Northern Territory, and Americans have been active in gobbling up as much of the top third of it as they can get. The list of landlords is said to consist of many of the most famous people in America, such as David Rockefeller and Robert Kleberg.

Land sells for from 10¢ to \$1. an acre. Taxes are an advantage too, for capital gains are not taxed, so much cutting up of the parcels goes on to be sold at big profits.

But, while the land is cheap, in the past five years it has jumped 300% to 500%. Speculation is obviously under way and, no doubt, many people will find themselves land poor. Much of the land had been owned by absentee British landlords, who never improved it, no doubt waiting for others to make it more valuable.

The land seems to be full of the typical frontiersmen, such as Daniel Boone, of American fame.

Americans have big plans for developing much of the land and are spending plenty of money to do it. In the long run, though, their profits will be tremendous. The Australians will quite content to have the Americans buy the land and develop it.

Everything points to the same kind of problems that plagued American in the development of the West.

One would have thought in view of the fact that Australian cities have land value taxation, that a more intelligent system of allocating the land would have been adopted than to merely sell huge portions of it with apparently little or no taxes on the land value.

Max Hirsch, one of Henry George's most brilliant followers was primarily responsible for the growth of land value taxation in Australia at the turn of the Century. His writing and speaking spread the knowledge of the importance of the land throughout Australia. One wonders what has happened? Has he and his work been forgotten?

Australia represents virgin territory. If that nation would institute a sound system of land tenure before it is too late, it can develop in a manner which will make America's development minor by comparison.

Who is there in Australia, today, who will do what Max Hirsch did for the southern part of that nation? All it needs is one dedicated individual armed with an understanding of the land question to fight and bring the question of the proper allocation of the land before the Australian people. If too much time elapses the land will be gathered by these land barons who will become so wealthy and powerful that they will subvert all attempts to eliminate their privileges.

One wonders will people ever learn?

Oscar B. Johannsen

NOTE: There is a HENRY GEORGE LEAGUE in Melbourne, Australia; and there is a publication PROGRESS, an Australian Journal to Advocate the Rights of the People in the Land. In the Dec. 1969 Jan. 1970 issue was reprinted Mr. O.B. Johannsen's article, THE MORAL BREAK-DOWN which appeared in THE GARGOYLE, Mar.-Apr. 1969 issue. In this issue they also published an article -HIGH-LIGHT OF COMMUNICATOR-ADDRESS, given by Alderman L. A. Ellis of Enfield, South Australia. Mr. Ellis mentioned a former personality in South Australia, a Sam Lindsay, a fascinating Irishman. He had a horse-drawn van and travelled the length and breadth of S.A. selling tea. On one side of the van was an advertisement for the tea. On the other an advertisement for Single Tax. He visited nearly every house and farm on the Eyre Peninsula and there is no doubt this prepared the way for the later campaign of Mr. Craigie when he was elected to Parliament!

Sol there are some of us in South Australia -- let's hear from you.

SENSE & NONSENSE

Britain's tax collectors have been reported as quitting their jobs in droves. New changes in the tax system have created mountains of paper work. The salaries are so low that in one office seven of the staff of fourteen had resigned within one week.

This has the British Government concerned but at last reports not one taxpayer was complaining.

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America is building a war around itself. New immigration laws are impeding the flow of Canadians and Mexicans into the United States much to their astonishment. Previously there had been no restrictions on immigrations into the U.S. from the western hemisphere--Canada and Latin America. Now, however, there is a quota of 120,000. Since more than that number wish to enter real problems are arising. Business concerns are finding that they cannot import specialists into the U.S. Anyone seeking to reside in America must wait eighteen months. Executives who previously entered without hindrance cannot enter. Since many big corporations in the U. S. are really multi-national they find they cannot move executives around as freely as they would like.

What's to be done about it? Well, nothing as sensible as removing the immigration barriers. About the most which may occur is that high-level executive and technical people may be permitted to enter as "nonimmigrants."

And this nation spends millions trying to build up good will with our neighbors. Will we ever learn?

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Did you know that the future is that time when you will wish you had done what you are not doing now?

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Do you know what brings cheer to some economists? Predictions that business conditions are going to be bad. Why? Because if unemployment increases, business drops off, and production drops, it is supposed to "cool the runaway inflation". Of course such economists would not be particularly happy if they were among the unemployed or if their businesses suffered losses but presumably they are willing to look with equanimity upon such problems as it concerns the nation generally.

Of course such declines are not responsible for ending inflation. Rather they are the effect which occurs when inflation of the money supply stops.

Businessmen and economists are deluding themselves. They have some idea it is possible under present institutional arrangements to stop

inflation and not have a serious depression. But this is impossible. If the money-supply is deflated a business turnaround will snowball downward.

If in order to prevent a serious downturn, inflation is renewed, then prices will rise at a faster pace than they have been. Business will be good for a time, but social disorder will increase for more and more of those on fixed incomes as the police, teachers, and the like will feel forced to strike and agitate for still higher wages to keep even with the cost of living.

The picture is not a bright one. Sooner or later no matter what is done there will be a bust. The only possibility of preventing such would be to institute a just system of land tenure. If such occurred, it might be possible gradually to end the inflation of the money-supply without having a depression. But what are the chances of having a sound land system in the near future? Nil.

SALT OF THE EARTH

The trouble with some people who don't have much to say is that you have to listen so long to find that out.

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Did you know that today is the first day of the rest of your life?

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Polygamy would never work in America. Think of having several wives in a kitchenette at one time.

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Newly rich woman: "I clean my diamonds with amonia, my rubbies with wine, my emeralds with brandy, and my sapphires with fresh milk."

Second woman: "I don't clean mine. When they get dirty, I just throw them away."

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She: (admiring her engagement ring), "Dear, there's nothing in the world harder than a diamond, is there?"

He: "Yes, darling, keeping up the installment payments on it."

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Sales Manager: How come you have such great success in your house to house campaign?

Salesman: To the first five words I utter when a woman opens the door -- "Wiss, is your mother in?"

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Student: I don't think I deserve a zero.

Professor: Neither do I, but it's the lowest grade I'm allowed to give.

AFTERNOON DISCUSSION GROUP

Meets the second Tuesday of each month at school headquarters, 149 So. Harrison St., East Orange, from 1:30 to 3:30.

Anyone who can attend is most welcome. Next meeting March 10th.

Why not attend and bring a friend?

NATIONAL TAXACTION, INC.

1033 National Press Bldg., Washington, D.C.

From their literature: Structure: National TAXACTION, Inc., is a non-profit corporation. The TAXACTION program is non-partisan. A national organization headquartered in Washington, D.C., is reinforced by state, congressional district, and community associations and clubs.

Objective: to reduce the totality of taxes by enforcing integrity, responsibility, and prudence in the disposition of public tax funds.

Policy: Blind opposition to all taxes is self-defeating. Irresponsible demands on legislative bodies can only injure the valid protests and reform programs. An intelligent and successful approach must be reasoned, have attainable goals, and maintain the responsibilities of free citizens.

The principled attack on runaway governmental spending and taxing must be based on this unassailable foundation; limit governments at all levels, to their natural and lawful functions. Stated otherwise: government must be prevented from intervening in any and all activities not sanctioned by the Constitution, not permissible in natural law.

Purpose: to establish a national program directed to regaining citizen control over governmental taxing and spending.

Program: The National TaxAction program is five-pronged. It is being activated as rapidly as revenues and staff assignments permit.

1. Taxpayers' Lobby, in Washington, D.C., backed by a competent Research staff will make presentations before the Congressional Committees charged with budget appropriations and taxing functions; will interview Members of the Senate and House of Representatives in support of, or opposition to, legislation. Voting records of Members of Congress will be compiled to determine their recorded position on tax and spend issues. Findings will be reported to our members.

2. Communications: OUR office in the National Press Building in Washington, D.C. will be the nerve center and transmission belt for accumulating and disseminating pertinent information, ideas, and suggestions... from and to all of the local organizations participating in the Tax Protest.

3. Organizational assistance will be provided in forming community TaxAction Committees where no tax protest or tax protection organizations are in existence; and to all functioning organizations asking for such assistance.

4. National promotion of such events as a National Tax Freedom Holiday, Regional and National Taxpayers' Conference and other responsible means of exerting the taxpayers' constitutional right of petition.

5. Legal appeals will be carried forward on selected issues involving Constitutional rights of citizens with respect to taxation which have not been adjudicated by the U.S. Supreme Court.

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"Mr. Mark M. Jones of Princeton, N.J. is Vice President for Economics of the National Taxaction organization. He is President Emeritus, National Economic Council: Consultant to the President of several large national business and industrial concerns, Insurance companies, Associations and is listed in Who's Who."

In a letter Mr. Jones sent out as President Emeritus of the National Economic Council he stated: "Most of us just sit back, complaining about why we're paying more and getting less, while the politicians keep telling us that we never had it so good." Note: Some economists say that too!

Mark Jones issues at his own expense "THE NEW JERSEY LETTER In The Interests of The Silent Majority", February 1970 letter deals with \$300,000,000 increase in New Jersey state government; and the \$200,000,000 contribution to inflation by virtue of the State granting a 50% or greater increase in Blue Cross rates. He points out the increase in State Sales Tax from 3 to 5% is actually a 40% increase in the tax.

A letter to one of the Trustees of the HCS-NJ from Jones states: "In all honesty, I have to tell you that the result of my unusual studies of the national economy leads me to believe that there is an entirely new situation from which one must take up the question of the kind of tax that is in the interests of all the people." (Mr. Jones is NOT referring to Sight Value Taxation, but has indicated that he will discuss the question of taxation with us.)