

# Intermountain Single Tax Association



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Dear Stan:

I believe I sent you a copy of the letter dated 1-28-85 that I received from Bishop Weigand, inviting me to take part in a hearing on the Pastoral on the U.S. economy. This will be at the University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Thursday, February 21. The brief prepared critiques of participants are to be about three minutes in length.

I have prepared a draft of my comments and will consider all suggestions for change. The time limit creates a problem, but the hope is that some good might be done in the open discussion period that follows the statements. Is the name pronounced Barbuto? I could retain Barbuto's statement that in the United States, three percent of the population owns 95 percent of all privately-held land. I would presume that the 95 percent is land area, but that the percentage expressed as land value would be in the same neighborhood.

For the discussion period I will do the best I can, but this is where we should be having experts. I need to research publications to find Steve Cords' estimated economic rent for the U.S. Have there been experiences with hearings held by other bishops on the Committee or others working on the Pastoral Letter?

I am enclosing the Spectrum's story on our merger with Colorado for tax reform and a letter to the editor of the Deseret News on Redevelopment.

Sincerely,

Earl A. Hanson

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