

will have to continue with the kind of economic distress that surrounds us now.

THERE IS A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION WORKING FOR THE ENGLISH SYSTEM of protecting land monopoly. Over there, if a poor land owner, holding up a few hundred acres in or near a big city, is not doing anything with it, either won't or can't, the do not charge him any tax. If he has the nerve to build a factory or store or home on it, then they tax him to the limit; you see the point of that system at a glance.

There are a lot of people in the U. S. A. who think it is smart to ape European customs. Our communist friends get their ideas from middle Europe, that produced Karl Marx. Now, State Senator Williamson has introduced a bill in Albany which would assess real estate according to the income it yielded. This, of course, would mean if your land was idle, being held by you while all of us made it valuable, you could carry it indefinitely without taxes, making the government a partner with you in land speculation, and in standing in the way of improvement and industry. This should be called a bill for the encouragement of land racketeering and prevention of industry and employment; and it goes to the vitals of our economic muddle and our poverty.

I THINK THE JEWS HAVE GOT TO GET BEHIND SOUND economics, in self defense. This is my theory: they have been driven over the face of the earth during their whole existence, about as they now are driven from Germany; and it seems to me with all due respect to numerous other theories, that it is because they are too smart for the Aryans. And the more they are driven the smarter they get. It is only fair to understand the viewpoint of the poor 'white folks' in this unequal battle. It may be that even Hitler's terrible pogroms are no worse than many of the other manifestations of unsound economics.

This hypersensitiveness, in commerce and trade, that is vented upon the weaker people, racially, is due to the same cause that produces unemployment, low wages and poverty; and through these conditions—undue competition among laborers—a tragic vicious circle. If the burdens, mainly of taxation, were taken off business there would be enough 'to go around,' and there would be no disposition to drive a race, such as the Jews or the colored people, out of competition. Again, the placement of the tax burden, amounting to perhaps 15 billions a year in this country, upon monopoly of economic rents, natural resources and franchises, would destroy monopoly in these, and open unlimited opportunities, to Jew and Gentile, so that no persecution could exist.

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You know the editor's purpose is the **distribution of the wealth of economics** possessed by Georgeists, which will not do the world any good until distributed.

IT IS A TRAGEDY FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THAT BIG POPULAR MOVEMENTS LIKE LONG'S, Townsend's and Coughlin's, must needs run amuck and wind up in futility and warfare. There was enough power generated by Father Coughlin, which, if properly directed, would have lifted the people out of the mire, but because this energetic and well-intentioned priest had never studied the science of statecraft and wealth production, he found no other outlet for his energy and enterprise than to take up with questions that brought him into personal, religious and moral conflict.

The present spectacle of a quarrel on the floor of Congress between Catholic factions, and with Father Coughlin and outside factions, is anything but inspiring or dignified, and indicates a low plane of statesmanship, as well as ethics. Father Coughlin had a so-called platform of something like a dozen planks, and among them were one or two that drove at the bull's eye. They related to monopoly, special privilege and the separation of the working people from the source of their employment, the earth. If he had thrown over the others, there could have been no quarrel about these.

THE TWO PARTIES ARE ORGANIZING FOR THE NATIONAL CONVENTION, and in New York the stand-patters of both parties are doing the organizing. The Young Republicans, Hamilton Fish, Rep. Borah, ex-chairman Macy, and all others who have shown lib-

eralism, had no voice in selecting delegates. From this viewpoint, therefore, the Republicans are ready to take their medicine in the form of overwhelming victory for something that looks like liberalism.

(Calling Tammany NRA democracy stand-pat, perhaps involves an argument. New dealers of course won't stand for that, but I think capable umpire looking at the democratic machine with its billions of relief money in circulation, and Mr. Farley's management, nearly justifies the stand-pat label, even without the help of Tammany. The names in the list of delegates helps this conclusion. Al Smith heads the people's standpoint, is in the Republican party which, to deserve victory over the new deal, should understand what President Butler has been trying to tell them; that they must provide a new and constructive program. Senator Borah has almost ideally provided them with a program of throwing over monopoly, and aligning themselves with their traditional interests, business, capital, individualism, and the masses of the people.

OUR MAYOR WAS IN A RATHER SOMBER MOOD YESTERDAY in addressing a bunch of Ethical Culturists. He admits or alleges that our modern culture and ethics are a mess, and that it is about time we got out of it. He speaks quite modestly however, as to ways and means, and between the lines, or on the lines, you see very little of encouragement that in new deals or in fusion movements, or in all around reform, we have to expect any more than a turnaround. In another connection, he again shows pessimism or possibly worse, in accepting a couple of ambulances from the promoters of the lottery racket, and he even goes so far as to give these racketeers his benediction, apparently because they are personally high toned and also very generous.

I wonder if the Mayor is not ready to throw over some of the foolish socialistic stuff he has been playing with, and get down to some elemental things, that will not only mean ethics, culture, and morals, but good sound finances and economics, which will mean prosperity for everyone. The Mayor is fumbling for the natural and right source of power for a metropolis; and it lies right under his feet and is the direct product of the city and its people—its land value of at least 10, and probably 15, billion dollars, that would yield an economic rent well above the total of his entire tax budget.

THE CLOVEN HOOF OF SLUM CLEARANCE, AND ITS ALIAS, HOUSING, IS SO OFTEN VISIBLE, it is difficult to see how respectable and alert people can fall for it, as they seem to. Now, a housing expert and former counsel of the U. S. Treasury proposes a new plan for financing housing on a larger scale, and this is Mr. Harold Riegelman's novel plan: an annual direct subsidy to each low cost project, sufficient to make up the yearly difference between rent required to cover the cost, and the rent tenant can afford to pay.

When will some 'expert' without so many titles, or so much experience, but with that rare quality of horse sense, suggest that to make up this difference, economic rent or ground rent, which flows

plentifully from under each of these enterprise, be guided into the enterprise, by the way of the public treasury? Every one of these new schemes, like this one, are simply new schemes of doing the old trick of protecting the land owner in his graft. Mr. Riegelman could easily find the exact amount of this graft in any given project, and send his time pointing out the case with which that could be utilized to eliminate the fatal weakness of every housing scheme.

THE GREATEST PAPER IN THE UNIVERSE IS 'NO TAXES' of Stockton, Cal., and by the way, if you would like to sample it, send me a quarter, and you will receive 13 issues. I say it is the greatest, because it is the only one published continuously and frequently, devoted to what is called the philosophy of Henry George, meaning the removal of all taxes from industry, production and consumption, and placing them all on monopoly of economic rent or land values. It is edited by the greatest economist I know, L. D. Beck-

There is a sample of his clarifying of a very confused subject: A labor paper says out of 52 million workers in the country, 13 million are idle, 25%; if we would, by law, reduce hours of labor from 8 to 6, this would be cured, and the labor problem would be solved; but, says Beckwith, as this would not get at the cause of unemployment, the same process could and would repeat, and the next crisis would raise the 25% to 50%; meantime laborers are getting hungrier and chillier and more distressed, with only half their normal wage. The labor leader is always asking for only a fraction of labor's just dues. Labor, together with capital, should have all they produce. When they are paid in full, there will be plenty for both, and nothing to quarrel about. But now, in various ways, about half is appropriated by the land owner, leaving them to scrap (strike) over the meager leavings.

OUR \$5,000,000 SNOW CLEANING ADVENTURE, OF THIS season, reminds me of Huey Long's plan of redistributing wealth; Huey was content to let the wealth pile up in the wrong place, until it got unbearable, and then he proposed to organize a distributing party that savored very much of Lynch law, or communism, and, taking all the automobile plants, banks, and department stores, splitting them into a thousand pieces—financially, at least—and give a little sovereign to each of 130,000,000 people.

We have been saving up our snow this year for a grand clean-up, and in spite of the 100,000 or more of the unemployed needing jobs, and thousands of most wonderful trucks, snow plows, tractors, bulldozers, and loaders, the snow seems to stay about where it has been for a month or two. So, I recommend that the Long plan leaders and the sanitation executives of New York get together on the question of cause and effect, and go at their respective jobs scientifically. Snow can be removed cheaply as soon as it lights, but all the king's horses and all the king's men, meaning all the unemployed—millions of men and unemployed dollars, won't remove it after it gets 'set.' Likewise, wealth, if it is not all given to its producers, labor and capital, at the time of production, and none of it to the landowner, we