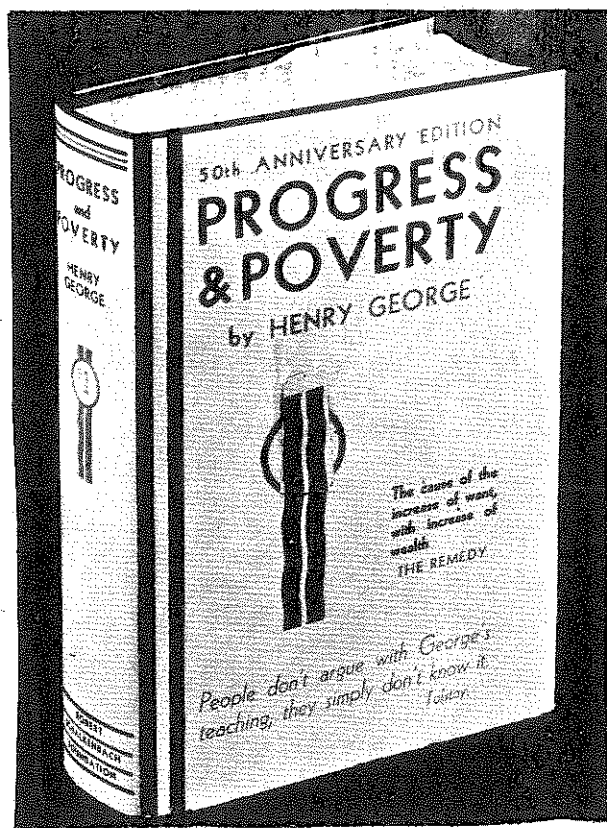


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Dear Reader;

"We love peace, but we love not the ways that lead to peace."

This seems to be true even of those whose chief interest is working for peace. A few weeks ago there was a TV debate between Dr. Muste, leader of the pacifists who marched to the UN, and Bela Fabian, leader of the Hungarian refugees. Mr. Fabian was most emphatic in his opinion that we must keep ourselves militarily strong, that this is the only way to stop Soviet aggression. He frequently turned to Dr. Muste and earnestly presented this argument to him. Naturally such views were distasteful to the pacifist leader, but instead of arguing it out in as friendly a way as possible, Dr. Muste not once looked at his adversary or answered his remarks directly, but instead addressed himself to the moderator. I also got the impression that Dr. Muste was more concerned with defending his pacifist views than with answering Mr. Fabian's arguments.

It would seem to me that one of the "ways that lead to peace" is recognition of the existence of those with whom we are in disagreement, and to find some common plane on which -- if nothing else -- to engage with them in discussion and debate. Also, to join the issue and have it out, refuting and counter-refuting instead of recoiling into a self-justification. I am of the opinion that this is a more concrete way to peace than futile cries of "peace, peace."

On a larger stage, I believe this is essentially what is needed in the world. We must trade freely and exchange ideas freely -- and this means we must keep the channels open even when there is disagreement and competition. We tend to recoil and shut the doors -- but if we do, this is not "the ways that lead to peace."

Sincerely yours,

Robert Clancy

WRITE ON THE LINE

By S. T. Bohac

Newspapers carried the announcement recently that a 50 story office building will be erected just north of Grand Central Terminal, and will be known as Grand Central City. The structure, estimated to cost \$100 million, will contain more than 3 million feet of rental space. Georgists will be interested in the concluding paragraph of the news item as follows: "An eighty year lease for the property(i.e. the land) has been negotiated with the New York Central and The New Haven and Hartford Railroads." The community-created land value involved in this transaction, would certainly add a great sum to the city's income, and the heavy taxation for metropolitan services could be sizeably reduced.

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The New York Herald Tribune recently voiced concern over the ultimate disposition of the Recipocal Trade Treaty. The prospect, that the five year extension, recomended by President Eisenhower, will be approved by Congress, seems unlikely at the moment. Revisions and restrictions which will greatly modify the Trade Treaty will undoubtedly be passed. Strong opposition to the reciprocal trade agreement comes from numerous industries that contend that the market for their products is being reduced by imports from such countries as Italy, Japan and Germany.

The protests coming from other foreign neighbors are equally strong. The United States has reduced its imports from South American countries, and at the present time we are

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in high disfavor with our Latin friends. Russia, it seems, has lost no time in taking advantage of this situation, and the Soviets are buying and selling in various South American Countries, and offering enticing trade agreements to boot.

All of this unfavorable reaction to this country's restriction of imports comes at a time when the proposed Common Market in Europe is about to emerge from a blue-print stage, with Great Britain a prospective member.

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In West Germany, an economic miracle, is bringing prosperity to that country, and it is being achieved by a courageous application of free enterprise, and free trade, despite stubborn resistance from the once powerfull cartels.

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All of these countries that are engaged in important international trade, await with concern the decision of the United States government with respect to the tariff action. The slump of raw materials in the various countries that have been mentioned, is closely related to constriction of imports in this country. If we allow Russia to step in ahead of us and garner the international trade volume, it will result in more embarrassment than the Sputniks are creating, not to mention our contribution to a world-wide depression with a capital "D".

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ITALIAN DINNER AT HENRY SCHOOL

Thank You

Tony D'Elia and all those who helped make THE ITALIAN DINNER A SUCCESS!! Below you see a group of diners enjoying themselves.



EASTERN DIRECTORS' CONFERENCE

Standing": George Devine (Boston), Harry Pollard (Toronto), Stretchal Walton (Montreal), Nathan Brenner (Hartford), Mr McLeod (Toronto);
Front Row: Robert Clancy (New York), Mr. Faulkner (Hartford), Joseph Stockman (Philadelphia), Robert Rodriguez, (New York).



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SMALL RHYMES

THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE:
The Great Books Course it seems to me,
Appropriately began
By calling to attention
THE NATURAL RIGHTS OF MAN.

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PLATO: APOLOGY; CRITO
Then we studied Socrates
Who chose the poison drink
Rather than declare it wrong
To reason and to think.

SOPHOCLES: ANTIGONE
Antigone defied the king
And died within the cave;
To give her brother peace in death
The law she disobeyed.

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ARISTOTLE: POLITICS
In Aristotle's Politics
The state was praised as just;
He urged that every citizen
Look up to it in trust.

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PLUTARCH: LYCURGUS AND NUMA
Lycurgus would have Sparta great
Through military law,
But Numa thought religious rites
Superior to war.

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THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST MATTHEW:
St. Matthew wrote of Jesus
Who sacrificed his life
To teach the way of brotherhood
And end all needless strife.

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EPICETUS: DISCOURSES
To meet his fate for good or ill
With philosophic calm,
Epictetus emphasized
The stoic fears no harm.

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MACHIAVELLI: THE PRINCE
As Machiavelli saw it
A prince who'd learn to rule,
Must always put self-interest first,
Or else he is a fool.

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By

Mabel L

This poem was
by the author
last session
GREAT BOOKS
held at The
George School

The students
their thanks
two leaders,
Simpson and
Royal. The
ended with a
hour in the
Coffee Shop.

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THE STUDY OF CONFLI
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GREAT BOOKS

SHAKESPEARE: MACBETH

Macbeth became a murderer

To seize King Duncan's throne,

Yet conscience wouldn't let him rest,

And soon his crime was known.

MILTON: AREOPAGITICA

John Milton wrote with eloquence

Of freedom for the press;

Those nations fall from greatness

That new ideas suppress.

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ADAM SMITH: THE WEALTH OF NATIONS

The wealth of nations, Smith declared,

Consists of many things

Produced by labor and exchanged,--

From crops to diamond rings.

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THE FEDERALIST & U.S. CONSTITUTION

The writers of the Federalist

To make the nation strong,

Believed the constitution

Our Union would prolong.

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TOCQUEVILLE: DEMOCRACY IN AMERICA

De Tocqueville wrote a classic

To help the world to see

The highlights of our government

He called Democracy.

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MARX & ENGLES: COMMUNIST MANIFESTO

The Communist Manifesto

Says centuries of pain

Were suffered by the "working class,"

Because of "private gain."

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THOREAU: CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE

My country, right or wrong, say some,

Thoreau cried, "Not for me,

Put conscience first, then country."

If you a man would be."

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TOLSTOY: THE DEATH OF IVAN ILYCH

We found in Ivan Ilych

Tolstoy, sought to stress,

The meaning of man's life depends

On what he calls success.

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THOUGHT AND WROTE

WORLD TODAY:

VIEWS

ON MY WAY.

COMPLETION EXERCISES

"THREE MINUTES"

By Robert Young

Ladies and Gentlemen. . .

The postal card I received from the registrar confirming that I would be speaking to you this evening, and congratulating me on having been accorded the privilege, also said, specifically: You will be called on for a three-minute talk.

To one who has had as little experience speaking before an audience as I have had, three minutes, admittedly a short span of time...three minutes can be an eternity. That it can be, or seems that it can be an eternity is I think, something on which to focus with far more than passing glance.

Today we know that within three minutes' time the creations of years can be obliterated. In less than three minutes, in fact. In three minutes' time the fastest of our jet aircraft can cover a distance of 60 miles. The Vanguard moon, currently circling the earth, travels 900 miles in three minutes.

In the realm of music, some of the world's finest has less than three minutes in which to work its magic upon man's emotions. Bach's beautiful and moving selection "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desire," for instance, takes less than three minutes to perform...and with all the technique, depth, and feeling necessary to illuminate the hearer. Like-wise, in literature, that speech of Shakespeare's most thought provoking character, Hamlet, which begins: "To be or not to be," takes slightly less time to deliver than I have been allotted here tonight.

I have, of course, employed these examples in illustration of a point, such point being that it is not how long you take to say or do something which counts, it is what you say or do.

"THREE MINUTES"

Among the many comforts and aids to living, we of today, take for granted, for it is in great abundance and nearly 100 percent available in this country, is the electric light. A flick of a switch, the press of a button - have light, and in far, far less time than three minutes. I think that, similarly, and I am not the first to make this comparison, I think light can be flicked on in man's minds. We have only to find the right button.

Eleven weeks ago tomorrow evening I entered a class in fundamentals in economics here at the Henry George School for the first time. I knew something of Henry George, very little, but something, because as a writer, man's use of the earth for his purposes and desires had concerned me previously. I knew very little of the use of the earth under economic theory, however, and nothing concrete of George's theory...his remedy for the problem of persisting poverty in the face of equally persisting progress and increasing wealth.

Considering the current state of the national economy, George's remedy should more than ever be emphasized and brought to the attention of the individual; for, unlike the various and sundry other economic plans which do not, George's remedy takes the individual into account, and that it does strengthens its argument for right and justice; for neglect of the individual, thinking in terms of the numbers, is one of the bases of man's inhumanity to man...the treatment which the poet Burns said makes thousands mourn.

I have spoken of three minutes, light in the mind, and the right button to push to turn such light on.

Out of my study of George's remedy, out of the 20 hours I attended the class, I have gotten enough to make me believe his plan is a desirable one. It works on a small scale in Fairhope, Alabama, and Arden, Delaware, and I believe it will work on the scale of the entire United States. True, the odds against it are great. The economic system currently followed has long been entrenched. But the odds are not overwhelming. They do not decree that the application of the remedy shall not ever come to pass.

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Free Enterprisers Can "Plan" Us to Death

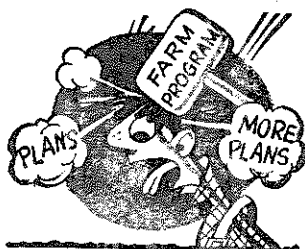
To the Editor:

Your editorial, "Stop Harpooning Benson and Let's Recognize a Changing Farm Economy" is right and most farmers know it. The Free Enterprise system, the best ever evolved by sheer hard and successful experience, is the natural system; it has its ways of adjustment—low prices in periods of excess production, for example. But this is but one part of the living whole process. If we interfere, we pay. Just as the finest ship must sink if barnicalitis is neither prevented nor cured, so must the economic ship, Free Enterprise, die of its evil and impossible restrictions.

Free Enterprise, with proper conditioning, can be an energizing, thriving, expanding, adjusting, rolling with the punches, forward-looking and friend-winning system that can win all mankind — even the Russians. We have, instead, an economic-arthritic infected system, a highly distorted caricature of what it might truly be. Only the sheer merit of some of the freedom it has left to people — thinking engineering and inventor classes—explains why we have not, long ago, simply mothered it to death by our planning—businessmen, labor, government bureaucrats, ministers and others, included.

Communist infiltration is not the cause of this shameful and needless situation. They, like rats, mosquitoes, flies, can only thrive in an environment suitable to their nature and ideas—they only take advantage of what we do that is wrong. Communists are not the Economic Marys—the Typhoid Marys, of this horrible and frightening economic dis-

ease; the real carriers, undetected, are many who claim to be Free Enterprisers. The only trouble is they claim, as Free Enterprisers, the rights of privilege, rackets, tax con-



trol to their profit, and the like—as did the nobility of old.

The very essence of Free Enterprise is its claim to being an adjusting economy, via free markets, free trade, and its competitive ideology; and if it fails here, political minds, who know little or nothing of economic science, take over as planners, and we have, as they say, "had it."

We simply do not need a million or two farmers, and farmers know this. If politicians tried to save every marginal worker and unit of industry, and marginal professionals, we would be more Socialist than Russia without their honesty; and Russians, who are realistic and have a sense of humor, would die laughing at us. Maybe this is our secret weapon?

Of course these playboy politicians save only those worthwhile, vote-wise pressure groups. They can't fool around with individual voters—except they sort of dole them Social Security, free meals from surplus foods, and the like. The epic story of the American Way of destroying wealth, of

price and tax supports, of public and semi-public housing, trying to beat the rap we asked for, is simply fabulous.

Properly conditioned by economic science knowledge, we can absorb into more production of old and new products and services every worker displaced by machine or improved methods in any area of our economy. We have so handicapped our economy by the combination of government doing things to harm people and then trying to do much to help them that now we seem to be only waiting the Communist shot behind the head.

The farmers are, of course, victims as well as aggressors. They suffer from the deep, dark, red ignorance of the people of which they are only a part. All suffer because of a failure of economic education which has botched up economic education simply because of pressure to justify the wrongs in the system, or to merely work out schemes of coexistence with wrongs rather than to eliminate them.

NOAH D. ALPER

"THREE MINUTES"

That the application of the remedy can come to pass is, I believe, within my concept of what can take place in three minutes, the time that it takes...and I have checked this...the time that it takes to read the essence of the Central Truth in Progress and Poverty. To read it is to become aware that life is not as it could be or should be if it is to be guided by liberty and justice. To be thus aware is to become disquieted, and thus to think and to act on behalf of redress.

My end point is this: If three minutes can be employed in the ways I have illustrated they can be, then three minutes of reading in the Central Truth can touch off that which can produce the realization of George's remedy. It amounts to putting a bug in the reader's ear. That is, flicking on a light in the mind. Multiplication of this would bring about success.

I hope that those of my class concur in this. I cannot say for sure that they do, but I will say that we all enjoyed our study and appreciate the opportunity to do so given us.

Thank you.