

April 30, 1940

Mr. Charles Joseph Smith  
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Dear Charles Joseph:

Replying to your letter of April 25th requesting a statement from me "as to where you (I) stand on this issue", will say that if I were the Director of the Henry George School of Social Science I would most certainly wish to display a copy of LAND AND FREEDOM on the bulletin board, yes, including the current issue.

I am however not the Director. If I were, I would take it for granted that as Director I would be responsible for the policy and the conduct of matters at the School. And, I would not have any one tell me that I must post an article on the bulletin board if as Director I felt the article was ~~un~~harmonious to the policy of the School. Please notice that I am not saying that the current issue, or for that matter any issue of LAND AND FREEDOM, is incompatible with the policy of the School. I am merely passing on the matter of a Board of Trustees or anyone else wishing to force a Director to post an article on the bulletin board that in his opinion is incompatible with the policy of the School.

*his* I also agree with you in saying that the Director of the School has no right of censorship of LAND AND FREEDOM. However, in removing the current issue from the bulletin board the Director is not censoring your copy. He is merely exercising ~~his~~ right and is performing his duty as Director, if in his opinion he deems it to be to the best interest of the School that the article be removed from the bulletin board.

The purpose of the School as I see it is to educate as many people as possible in the sound principles of economics as set forth by Henry George. The duty of the Director is to attract the greatest possible number of students to the School and there to conduct classes in such a manner as to enable the students to understand the Law of Rent, the Law of Wages, and

the Henry George philosophy of freedom, and further to train teachers and more teachers, so that more classes may be started and conducted. If the Director is accomplishing this as well as the Trustees feel it can be done, then we have no quarrel with him. If however it can be demonstrated that some one other than Frank Chodorov can do a better job of it then I for one will be for making such a change. The change when made will be made in order to better accomplish the one great task that is ours to perform.

You may show this letter to whomever you wish, but do not publish it.

Sincerely yours,

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