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Community Use Of Rent Proposed

Editor of The Knickerbocker News:

On October 7, 1965, over Channel 13 6 p.m. News, President Johnson, while lecturing the Republicans, said: "If the Republicans can suggest anything good for all the people I will gladly put it into effect."

While I am not one of the people that President Johnson had in mind I believe I can suggest something that is good and just for all the people. But I doubt that the President will try to put it into effect. Science tells us that man has six wants as follows: "Air, food, shelter, clothing, amusement, and articles of adornment."

Nature and nature's God have provided natural resources—land, air and sun. The source of all wealth and sustenance for all of God's creatures—and of all God's creatures only man, the higher or thinking animal, is plagued with unemployment and forced into poverty, deprived of the right to work and produce the necessities of life and enjoy the full product of his toil.

Louis F. Ismay director of War-On-Poverty, opened his office in the United Community Building, 64 Second Street, Troy. He said: Opportunity is the key word . . . opportunity for all the people themselves."

There are three factors in the production of wealth: land, capital, and labor (mental and physical). Rent is the return for the use of land; interest is the return for the use of capital, and wages or what labor produces is the return for mental and physical exertion. There should be a proper and just distribution of wealth produced. Land should receive the rent it will bring in a free open competitive market. Capital should receive the interest that it will bring in a free open competitive market, and after paying all rent and interest the remaining wealth belongs to labor, mental and physical, from the highest-paid executive to the lowest-paid worker, each receiving in proportion to their contribution to production. Land without people has no value, but as people congregate on the land and bid for choice locations, value appears and increases with population, and since the community has produced the value of land, the rent should be collected into the community treasury for community use.

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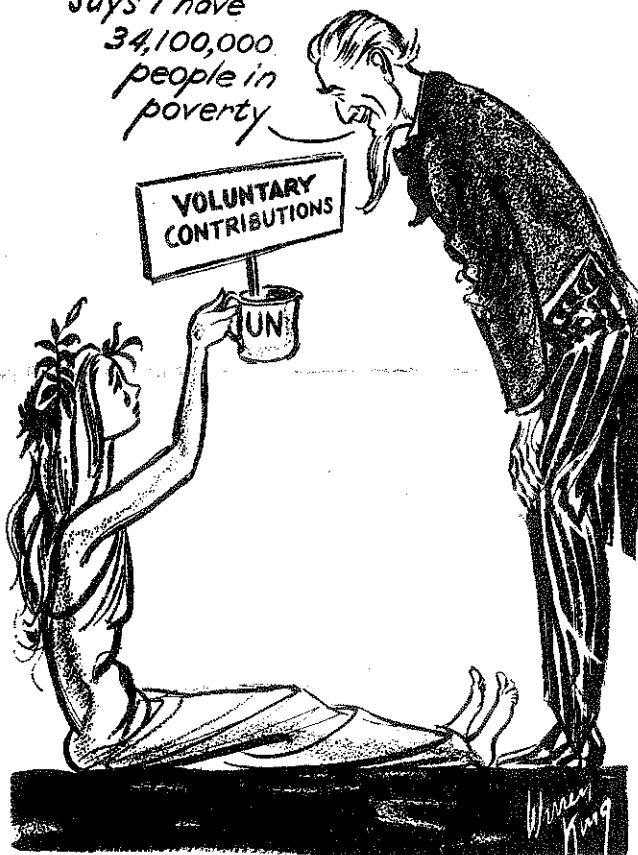
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Sorry, but LBJ
says I have
34,100,000
people in
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Why should there be thirty four million, one hundred thousand Americans in poverty when our storehouses are overflowing with wealth and our government is giving billions to foreign aid?

Why Democracies Fail

A Democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of Government. It can only exist until the voters discover they can vote themselves largess out of the public treasury. From that moment on the majority always votes for the candidate promising the most benefits from the public treasury with the result that Democracy always collapses over a loose fiscal policy, always to be followed by a Dictatorship.

(Written by Professor Alexander Fraser Tytler, nearly two centuries ago while our thirteen original states were still colonies of Great Britain. At the time he was writing of the decline and fall of the Athenian Republic over two thousand years before.)

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Troy - The Home of Uncle Sam

Work A Cure?

Editor The Record - September 29, 1965. Fifty Trojans including city, county and state met at Catholic Central High School and instituted plans to curb juvenile delinquency in Troy. The group received assurance that a detention center for youths would be established in the near future, the police force probably would be expanded. A seven point program was outlined to curb boys and girls. 10-7-65.

Webster's Dictionary tells us that "delinquency is neglect of, or failure in duty, "All of us have a duty, an obligation to conduct ourselves in a proper manner in relation with our neighbors and fellow citizens. If we were not mutually cooperative life and progress as we know it would be impossible in a nation of more than one hundred million people. That is why we must have police to protect us in our natural rights. Even our officials are sometimes delinquent.

All boys and girls were good when they came to us. If they have learned bad habits they have learned them from us seniors. Then the correction should start with us. Boys and girls do not need detention centers and increased police force. What they need is an opportunity to produce the necessities of life for themselves that they and their parents can take pride in. They would have no time for delinquency or mischief if they were busy at useful employment. Everyone brings their job with them when they enter this world. A job to produce the necessities of life for themselves and their depend-

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