

Land Trust (continued)

The International Independence Institute states that over two-thirds of the best land in Israel is held in trust by the Jewish National Fund, and that whole new towns are established on trust land. In this country, there is the Sam Ely Community Land Trust in the State of Maine. Information can be secured by writing to the International Independence Institute, Inc., West Road, Box 183, Ashby, Mass. 01431.

April Chapter Meetings

The San Diego Chapter of LEAF holds its monthly meeting on April 13, and the Sacramento Group meets on April 20.

Material Desired for Newsletter

We shall appreciate news items, reports of local chapter activity, and other information of interest to LEAF members and sympathizers. Address: The Editor, The New Leaf, 454 Mission Valley Center West, San Diego, Ca. 92108. Deadline is the 23rd of month preceding publication.

UNCIVILIZED

By Edmund Vance Cook

"An ancient Ape, once on a time Disliked exceedingly to climb; And so he picked him out a tree And said: 'Now this belongs to me; I have a hunch that monks are mutts, And I can make them gather nuts, And bring the bulk of them to me, By claiming tittle to this tree.'"

"He took a green leaf and a reed and wrote himself a tittle-deed Proclaiming pompously and slow; 'All monkeys by these presents know.' Next morning when the monkeys came To gather nuts he made his claim: 'All monkeys climbing on this tree Must bring their gathered nuts to me, Cracking the same on equal shares: The meats are mine, the shells are theirs.'"

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"But by what right?' they cried amazed Thinking the ape was surely crazed. 'By this,' he answered, 'if you'll read

You'll find it is a tittle-deed, Made in precise and formal shape And sworn before a fellow ape, Exactly on the legal plan Used by that wondrous creature, man In London, Tokyo, New York Glengarry, Kalamazoo and Cork Unless my deed is recognized, It proves you quite uncivilized."

"But," said one monkey, "you'll agree It was not you who made this tree. 'Nor,' said the ape, serene and bland, Does any owner make his land, Yet all of its hereditaments Are his and figure in his rents."

"The puzzled monkeys sat about; They could not make the question out. Plainly by precedent and law The ape's procedure showed no flaw; And yet, no matter what he said, The stomach still denied the head."

"Up spoke one sprightly monkey then: 'Monkeys are monkeys, men are men; The ape should try his legal capers On men who may respect his papers. We don't know deeds; we do know nuts, And spite of "ifs" and "ands" and "buts" We know who gathers and un-meats 'em, By monkey practice also eats 'em. So tell the ape and all his flunkies, No man-tricks can be played on monkeys.'"

"Thus, apes still climb to get their food Since monkeys' minds are crass and crude And monkeys, all so ill-advised, Still eat their nuts, incivilized."

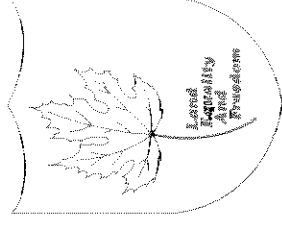
Annual Meeting in July

It is not too early to be planning for LEAF's annual meeting, which will be held at the University of California, San Diego, on July 4 and 5. Details will be available soon. But save the dates, and plan to be with us for two unusual and rewarding days.

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Board of Directors Elected

The first national election for LEAF's Board of Directors has been held. The results have been tabulated by a ballot committee of non-LEAF members, and the candidates elected by majority vote are:

Dr. Steven Cord, Dr. William Filante, Councilman Floyd Morrow, Harry Pollard, Everett Sealey, Robert Tideman, and Dr. William Truehart.

The new Board lost no time in getting together for their first meeting, which was held in Los Angeles on April 5, followed by a dinner, attended by L. A. area LEAFers and sympathizers. Among the goals decided upon was a stepped-up campaign to enlist new members and to form new chapters, with challenging programs of activity.

The Community Land Trust

LEAF is not alone in advocating the land trust concept. Word has reached us from Ashby, Massachusetts that the International Independence Institute is promoting the Community Land Trust concept. We quote from a pamphlet by them:

"The Community Land Trust is a legal entity, a quasi-public body, chartered to hold land in stewardship for all mankind, present and future, while protecting the legitimate use-rights of the residents. . .

"Both in concept and in practical operation, the Community Land Trust distinguishes between the land with its natural resources and the human improvements thereon. The land is held in trust, not the improvements..

"Land is held . . . in perpetuity--probably never to be sold. The trust leases the land to the users with the expectation of preserving or enhancing its long-range resource value. The leases are long-term, restricted to the users of the land; absentee control and subleasing are specifically proscribed. The residents have secure use-rights to the land and are free to control and build their own community. . . The lease-holder only loses his lease if he does not use his land productively. He does not lose his equity in his house or other buildings."

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San Diego City Council Endorses LVT to Fund Projected Transit Program

At a meeting on March 20, 1975, the San Diego City Council passed the following resolution:

"The San Diego City Council endorses, as a source of local funding, and as a demonstration of local commitment to achieving long term transit goals, the proposal that land value enhancement, particularly land values in close proximity to stations, be taxed or assessed to provide funding."

And the Council member who guided this resolution through was none other than our own LEAFer and newly elected Board member, Floyd Morrow.

The City of San Diego, however, may not have the complete authority regarding the proposed new master transportation plan for San Diego County, inasmuch as other cities are involved, and an over-all area board, the Comprehensive Planning Organization, is engineering the program in its initial stages. There is even talk in other quarters of an increase in the sales tax, already at six per cent, to pay for the mass transit program.

We understand, however, that enabling legislation already exists at Sacramento, the State Capital, permitting the funding of transit programs by a tax on the increased value of land resulting therefrom. This legislation was fathered by San Diego's State Senator, James Mills, at present President Pro Tempore of the State Senate.

LEAF Active in Earth Day Celebration in San Diego

The San Diego Chapter of LEAF manned a booth in Mission Valley shopping center as a part of the Earth Day celebration, on March 21 and 22. Col. Arch Gerard was in charge, with assistants from Tom Sherrard and William Truehart. Among the literature displayed was a LEAF pamphlet by Floyd Morrow, taken from the first issue of the LEAF Magazine. The title of the pamphlet is "LEAF: What It Is and Why It Is." Free copies may be had for the asking.

One thing that impresses us is the large number of young people who picked up our literature, including some even down in the lower echelons of their teens.