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“BREMOK”

DEVOTED TO: explaining the
social nature of ground-rent and
the injustice of taxation.
ADVOCATING: the complete
abolition of taxation. The public
collection of the freely offered
and automatically adequate
ground-dues.

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On Aug. 25th., eleven people associated with the past operation of economic discussion groups, met at F. Kirner's to consider the formation of a Society under the B.C. provincial Act.

It was argued that incorporation under the Act would perhaps open new doors, especially access to the public school system where societies are welcomed and individuals given the brush-off (we have a perfect example of this, chapter and verse) An additional incentive would be the possibility of preferential treatment for income-tax purposes. Any contributions to the Society might be allowed as deductions from taxable income.

A detailed study was made of the B.C. Societies Act and a sample constitution was compared with the provisions outlined in the Act. After much argument, a rough constitution was drafted and left with the Editor for sorting out and duplication.

The intention is to name the organisation: Society for Economic Education, S.E.E.. The stated objects are:

- a) Through discussion and other educational methods, to spread the knowledge of the economic forces in a free society.
- b) To indicate peaceful ways in which people may obtain their rights in such a society.
- c) To co-operate with persons and bodies whose aims and objects are similar.
- d) To receive gifts, donations, bequests and endowments of any kind.

The formalities should not take too long, therefore we hope to begin a corporate existence within a month.

GOOD FOR PAUL

According to Ann Tenders' syndicated column, Paul Ehrlich (the Cassandra who continues to spread terror of overpopulation on the basis of some time spent in one of the Central American banana republics) Paul Ehrlich has had a vasectomy.

Greater sincerity hath no man than this,-- that he put his testes where his mouth is, unless he were to take the ultimate recourse and lay down his life for Robert Malthus.

GOOD FOR TRUDEAU

The Canadian Prime Minister should be able to claim a record for jaunting all over the world. While on these trips he is not interfering with our lives. People are getting a chance to accustom themselves to

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all the handcups put in their paths by statutes and to find ways of getting round them.

Won't you please stay away Pierre?

RESUMPTION

The Society for Economic Education hopes to conduct a fall discussion group in the New Westminster Public Library beginning Sept. 22nd, next at 7-30 pm.

The greater part of the attendance at our last session there was due to the publicity within the Library, chiefly the poster. Users of public libraries are usually thoughtful people. They responded well. Referral by graduates brought others, but too little work had been done here.

Let us not forget the value we are getting. After the second session students will have a sounder basic knowledge of economics than a graduate in economic of a university. (See July's criticism of the statement of a U.B.C. graduate in economics that money is a commodity like a car or a house). People are helped to find their own solutions to social problems, arguing from first principles.

We feel that we are helping people in a less obvious way. We are helping them to achieve and maintain a good emotional balance. To know causes and cures means the end of frustration, - the kind of frustration felt by those who realise that there is something seriously wrong socially but who are unable to pinpoint the trouble. Such people continue frustrated because every one of the actions which they have been taught will lead to social betterment, can be seen to fail. They join a political party, they go to church, donate time and cash to "service" clubs, the local hospital, senior citizens' projects, childrens' sport organisations, but things get worse and worse. Some parents find that while they have been chasing feverishly here and there, on the do-good round, their deserted children have been introduced to drugs and are now alienated.

Frustration is authoritatively given as the chief cause of mental ill-health in man and animals. A person truly educated in social philosophy can never feel^{as} frustrated as those whose actions never lead to the anticipated result. This person knows that political parties are the graveyards of noble causes, that all the local do-gooding that goes on makes a place better to live in, thus raises the value of the land, and diverts a greater part of the wealth of society in the direction of those who while they do no work, constantly impede those who do.

The only do-gooding that will not rob the producer of his product, is the teaching of economic science. Students will learn not to expect great things of a trade-union, a political party, or of new laws. Here are frustrations they will escape. Now, if you cannot be a do-gooder

leading a group, you can be a very important do-gooder directing students to classes.

There are enough people in the Lower Mainland receiving FREEFOLK to SWAMP the New Westminster group with recruits. Let's talk to colleagues, to friends, to neighbours. Let's do them a good turn. Let's help keep them out of Riverview.

MATSQUI STORY

Matsqui is a small municipality in the Fraser Valley. It is only recently that it has had a municipal hall or any viable local government. Lack of restrictions such as are found in neighbouring municipalities has resulted in some quick development and a sudden demand for services, thus calling for an active local government.

Early, the land problem made itself felt. The Council had provided a park with playground which soon became inadequate, and so it was decided to extend the park. Of course the extension could only be adjacent to the existing site, and the local landholders knew it. One received eight times the going price for the title to the necessary extension. Little dissent was shown, this situation was looked upon as something inevitable, like thunderstorms, measles, or death.

At the present time the Council is planning a city for 150,000 people, and of course, they have come up against the old problem. The mayor wants to buy "development rights" from farmers "in order to relieve the pressure of development and its effect on values." To buy these "rights" he wants to use federal money! He sees the increasing land values as a threat to farming and wants to have the tax exemption raised from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per farm.

In other words, Mayor Taylor who has 80 acres himself would want to bring 150,000 people to the doorstep of local farmers and have the said farmers pay less in taxes. The benefit they would reap, they would receive as landholders, not as farmers. First, there would be an outright gift for "development right" purchase. As the city grew, there would be additional advantages to the location, even with no change of use. A market of 150,000 people is a tremendous advantage for the disposal of produce. Proximity to all those people would solve the casual labour problem which is pretty severe in the area. The school situation in Matsqui is pretty rough at present. How much better would the schools of a city be? What improvement might be expected in protection, medical services, and recreation, with a city on the doorstep? All this at no cost to the "farmer".

What a bonanza for local landholders, and all at the expense of taxpayers from Ucluelet to Ecum Secum. A narcotics firm tries to persuade us to buy its cigarettes by offering "free gifts". You don't need to get lung cancer to be able to win free gifts, get hold of some land in Matsqui before everyone is in at it, for the prices here are going up still while all around they have peaked on this present boom.