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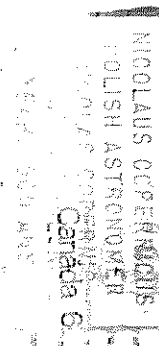
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rearing in his basement and that the scheme was sound.

Recently Simma made application for the vacant job of police chief of Vancouver, - Let's leave it at that!

Recently too she used her column in the Vancouver Sun to repeat allegations of the failure of City schools to develop literacy in students. A member of the school board replied to her accusations, whereupon she used the might of her column in B.C.'s most-read paper to blast him for spelling the word believe, - b-e-l-i-e-v-e.

Now Simma is an M.P.. She "represents" the Quadra constituency of Vancouver. Evidently either she is possessed of an intelligence and a virtue that place her above mankind, or what we call our democratic process stinks.

PHILLIPS NO EXCEPTION

Vancouver City Mayor, Art Phillips wants the mayors of Canada to join him in creating a ban on immigrants to Canada. He alleges with perfect justification that the increase in population drives up the price of land, and that land speculators are cashing in. He thinks the community should get back a part of the value it causes to attach to land.

Art seems to have forgotten how he made a plea to the Senate Task Force to have "property taxes" reduced and shifted to either the Provincial Govt. or Federal Govt. thus reducing the one-third of the value put on sites by the community which goes back to the community. All Art needs to do is to have the land-values assessed accurately and then set a mil rate to recoup the full annual value of all sites, at the same timing exempting improvements.

a book based on the successful formula of sex, violence, and mysticism. She packaged all three in a study of the Doukhobors in B.C., who used to blast power lines, or burn houses while the womenfolk stripped to the buff watching the blaze. The religion they practised had associations of concubinage and public copulation.

Simma entered the journalistic scene in Vancouver. Ready to have a try at anything, at one time she agreed to pinch-hit on a local radio station while a hot-liner went on holiday. She showed a remarkable lack of common-sense when discussing the claims of a chinchilla promoter. ... To digress, - about once every ten years there is some fur promotion scheme designed to strip the purses of trusting people who are looking for some small business to eke out a pension, or to make a living on a small acreage. Many B.C. people had lost savings in nutria, a peculiar fur-bearing animal whose mammary glands are located on its back, - and a period of years had erased most of the memory of how the promoter works.

The chinchilla scheme was simplicity itself. Buy a breeding pair at say \$250 (it could have been \$400), and sell back the offspring at \$25 each to the promoter for pelting. The animals you keep in your basement and the promoter offers to give all instructions in how to care for them.

We had the promoter on the hot line with Simma and a woman called in suggesting that the scheme was a snowball affair. The promoter does not pelt the animals he buys, he sells them as breeders at the high price to some new victim. The chinchilla man was quick-witted; he praised the perspicacity of his critic and accepted her criticism as endorsement of the scheme.

In spite of this, Simma opined that it was feasible that a person might make \$10,000 a year from chinchilla.

MARVELLOUS NEWS

S.E.E. President, Gunnar Jeberg has just returned from a visit to Europe. In London he was welcomed by S.E.E. member John Pincham who showed him what the School of Economic Science is doing, so we will pass on some of Gunnar's impressions.

The sheer volume of educational activity was remarkable. Three thousand students in London on six campuses are at present taking courses in economics and philosophy. Gunnar sat in on one elementary economics class where the law of rent, beginning from Henry George's boundless savannah was being explained. The class went along extremely well with a very attentive audience and a very competent tutor.

Of the six campuses, the S.E.S. owns four. In addition it owns a sumptuously appointed country mansion, Sarum Chase, where educational activities take place on a less organised basis. S.E.S. members meet here to engage in cultural interests. For instance, there is an active orchestral group. Gunnar was surprised to see one lady occupied at a loom. While not comparable to Rabelais' Abbaye de Thélème, this pleasant place of reunion helps people expand the philosophy of the rule of natural law into spheres beyond the economic. Members are provided thus with an organisation within which they can work to spread the knowledge required for the realisation of a social milieu necessary for the fullest development of human personality.

Some of the S.E.S. people take part in politics. Several were candidates for the Liberal Party at the last general election. They wish to bring about "Land Value Rating". Whether or not one is in favour of political party activity, it must be admitted that their propaganda

has been of educational value to the general public. For instance the Scarborough and Whitby constituency has heard no sense about the land problem since Ashley Mitchell's candidacy in 1922. At the present time a Liberal candidate is explaining the folly of taxing improvements and allowing land titles to go untaxed. It appears that the Liberal Party does not expect its candidates to stick to a hard and fast party line, and will print any propaganda they wish. Consequently the Liberal Party funds are spreading knowledge of the vicious nature of taxation and the virtue of using economic rent for public purposes.

What the S.E.S. is doing in London, is an example to lovers of freedom everywhere, - an inspiration to get off their butts.

DON'T MISS THIS!

Advertisements have appeared in the B.C. press anent hearings of a standing committee on municipal matters. These are to accept recommendations from individuals and organisations with respect to local taxation. The S.E.E. will be holding a meeting to discuss the contents of a submission from the Society. Also individuals may submit their own brief or have a brief prepared for presentation at hearings. A push now might bring about a great deal of permanent benefit.

It would be best not to make a rambling comprehensive submission. If each person hammers one point well home, the greatest amount of goos will be done. What can you do to make a convincing presentation on the subject of:

- (a) Solution to housing problem?
- (b) Solution to problem of land speculator, especially absentee foreigner?
- (c) Urban blight?
- (d) Sprawl and excessive cost of public services?

- (e) Poverty of local governments and debt charges?
- (f) Retention of local control of local services like education, welfare etc.?

Please think it over and if you can't get to the S.E.E. meeting, phone one of the executive stating the area you will cover.

WHO NEEDS BOSSES?

Frederic Bastiat held that laws should be concerned only with protecting the equal rights of everyone. Whoever accepts this concept must refuse to countenance government planning, either socialist, communist, or as in a "mixed economy". As Bastiat pointed out, when a government compels people to do things it destroys the equal rights of all people to engage as they see fit in work, charity, agriculture, commerce, education, art, or religion.

Bastiat made the valid point that those who would plan the lives of others thereby set themselves up as beings superior to all others. They assert that their plans are preferable to the individual plans of everyone else. While the remainder of mankind are shiftless, amoral, and unable to direct their own lives, "the legislators and the organisers have received from Heaven an intelligence and virtue that place them beyond and above mankind." ... Now let us take a look at a legislator who in her own opinion is superior and ask ourselves if the whole political game is not a farcical ritual like the rule of nonsense which mediaeval Europe played around the turn of the year.

We are going to look at Simma Holt. This prairie girl first came to the public eye in B.C. when she wrote