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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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In Chile, President Salvadore Allende has decided to bring about land reform. The so-called reform consists of breaking up big estates and distributing them among the peasants, but it is proceeding very slowly. Consequently the peasants have been seizing estates themselves and are now facing a showdown with the government.

Many of the large estate holders are scared and are getting out of the country while they are in one piece. At the same time unemployment increases while the government is making plans for public works and new industries; -- typical reaction where knowledge is lacking.

The patrones were landlords and workers combined in one person. As workers they had acquired the managerial skills to produce effectively. The kidnappings and seizures that are frightening away landlords are also frightening away the manager who is another facet of the same person. The landlord-labourer, is also a capitalist trying to realise quickly on his capital in order to pay his passage to Australia, Germany, or America. The result is that pedigree livestock is flooding the market and selling cheaply enough for slaughter with the result that the livestock industry is being dealt a blow it will take a long time to recover from.

The logical reform we propose, would leave the patrones in control of his own stock on public land, paying to the community the rent of that land. The Indians' wages would rise immediately, the servant and master relationship would vanish, and by degrees the Indians would become capable of assuming managerial positions themselves. This solution is so simple and logical that it is hard to understand why people make the problem complicated.

The Canadian Treasury is minting silver dollars for collectors.

You can have \$1 for \$3 if you place your order now! Write to Coins Uncirculated, Post Office Box 470, Ottawa, Ont. K1N 8B5. These dollars are likely to be worth \$4 each next year at the present rate of inflation.

Richard D. Altick in his Preface to Critical Reading has the following to say, "The willful use of technical double talk is important to the success of quacks in every field."

Now we know why the so-called economists have found a fashionable word, "resources" There are human resources (people) there are renewable resources (capital) non-renewable resources (land).

THANKYOU, POPPADOC

The Federal Government tells us that we must have at least 60% Canadian content in our T.V. programmes. How can Canadian content be so good when most of the best Canadian actors have left for the U.S.? So we shall continue for a few more years with the same old battered faces, the same old failures overplaying their parts as they grasp for the laurels that passed them by so long ago. We shall see the same amateurish camera-work with an excess of overhead lighting giving a gothic effect, which, coupled with the time or debauchery-raved features of the actors, gives the viewers the impression of being present at the resurrection of the dead. Thankyou, Pierre Elliott Trudeau.

The Provincial Government is bringing in a bill banning advertising for alcoholic liquor or for tobacco from any published material in B.C. The meaning of the legislation is uncertain (as usual) but it seems that publications like Readers' Digest, Time, Maclean's, will have to be kept out. For our light reading, perhaps we will be permitted to read the minutes of the Women's Christian Temperance Union meetings! For protecting me from my lack of will-power when confronted with invitations to smoke and drink, Thankyou Mr. W.A.C. Bennett.

BENNETT STOPS LAND SPECULATION

B.C. is a fast growing province. That means rapidly increasing land-values. B.C. has a Social Credit government, but what they have in common with Major Douglas would have to be looked for outside the realm of politics. Continuously for the last 18 years they have been in power and they have not been slow to learn the art of how to relieve the itch of the palm.

Cabinet ministers have been accused of bribery and corruption but the Socreds have closed their ranks around their buddies even when they knew the accusations were justly founded. Recently a minister has been accused among other things of using his office to promote the land-speculation of his sons; poppa knows where the road is going, here's where we buy. Poppa can get us access to the highway, you gotta buy from us if you want a gas station in these parts.

Now the Socreds are bringing in a bill whereby the provincial government may buy land bordering a new road, then lease it back to developers so that (as they allege) the public will receive the benefit of the value the public road has created. What puny thinking! The whole of the value of all land is created by all the desirable activities of all the public. There could be nothing simpler than to collect the rent of all land for the public. It is madness for the public to have to buy back their own creation from those with spurious claims.