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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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Finance Minister Edgar Benson assured us last year that he was going to "fight inflation" to save jobs." We know the extent of his fight, because unemployment has increased to an all-time high. Now he is going to decrease taxation, he says, and spend more on work-producing activities.

This policy is only a tax-shift. Inflation, as a tax will be used increasingly to provide funds to "create jobs". Now we have two Benson maxims;

- 1) Fight inflation to prevent unemployment.
- 2) Cause inflation to prevent unemployment.

How can he appear on T.V. with his confidence-radiating attitude, sneaking a quick, superior smile now and again, unless he thinks people will not remember what he said a year ago? Perhaps he is right to believe this; people just want to hear words that sound like they might be the proper thing to say. Then abracadabra is a good reason for anything, and our pitiful hri Krishna-chanting "monks" have all the qualifications required today of a finance minister.

NATIVITY

B.C. now has an incorporated Society whose object is to "spread the knowledge of the economic forces in a free society, and to co-operate with other persons and bodies whose aims and objects are similar." This body is the Commonwealth Society for Economic Education; S. E. E. The group is prepared to provide tutors or speakers in English, Russian, French, Danish, German. Two members are to be guest speakers Dec. 1st at the College of Western Washington. Their topic will be the financing of education.

POWER BEGETS RESPECT

Mr. and Mrs. Nixon went to Rome. Mrs. Nixon was quoted as expressing great respect for the power of the Pope. Gamal Abdel Nasser died. He was boss of one of the worst sinks of corruption defiling the concept of human society. The mighty all over the world expressed their regret. Charles de Gaulle died, and television, press, and radio hammered at us the idea that a great leader had passed.

De Gaulle was nothing but a mountebank posturing before a lot of deluded people. "I am France", said he, and so created for himself an

image of grandeur which was avidly accepted by the French people. De Gaulle, like many of his compatriots was a victim of Napoleon Buonaparte, who, if he had been born two years earlier would have been Italian, and who, always spoke and wrote French badly, preferring Italian. Buonaparte, from a sense of inadequacy when sent to school with French-speaking boys, developed an exaggerated patriotism which we often find among ethnic groups not quite sure of their status. As well as butchering all over Europe and Asia, through his civil code, he influenced the education of succeeding Frenchmen. The emphasis was on the glory of France and the wickedness of the Germans and English. To this day, French culture is busy turning out bigots suitable for recruitment to Napoleon's Grand Army. The scholastic catalogue of heroes begins with Vercingetorix, through Roland and Charlemagne, to Joan of Arc and Napoleon, with Francois 1 thrown in as a sop to the literati.

De Gaulle, being simple-minded was an easy victim of Napoleon. The super-patriot even worked to restore the esteem of Napoleon's Legion of Honour. He did not realise that Napoleon's enemies had died over a century before. His political pronouncements are marked by an irrationality that would be comical if it were not so dangerous. All France's ills were blamed on someone other than de Gaulle, preferably the Germans, and he consistently blocked the entry of Britain to the Common Market.

When in 1968, the French franc was tottering from its pegged value, and the German mark was undervalued, De Gaulle pointed his finger at the speculators, "La bourgeoisie nous a trahis!" He apparently was unaware that since France's public revenue was on an unsound footing, inflation was being used to finance public activities. Perhaps he did not realise that by erecting money in a pegged exchange-rate situation, France was taxing the produce of countries that were not inflating so rapidly, to such an extent that the natural balancing forces became so strained that people set a very low value on francs and would be delighted to buy marks with them if they could, at the fixed rate.

The wicked speculators were doing what it paid them to do. The incompetent French government put the opportunity and the motive in their hands. Now De Gaulle is gone little difference will be felt since nothing has been done to dissipate the popular ignorance. Power is worshiped where knowledge should be respected. Mrs. Nixon was only echoing the popular attitude, and Lafontaine's poem of the lamb sentenced to death by the self-righteous wolf is everywhere applicable; -- "La raison du plus fort est toujours la meilleure."

Prediction: Inflation in Canada will be around 15% in 1971. Buy land.

WAR MEASURES

Everyone seems to think that Vancouver mayor, Campbell has boo-boomed again in demanding that the reactivated War Measures Act be applied to hippies, yippies, and other assorted Campbell-irritators, but Tom really has a point.

What kind of government is it that will persecute one segment of the nation, particularly in one province? Should not all law apply equally to all, -- F.I.Q., yippies, political science "professors", -- the lot? It should make no difference whether they are to be found on Burnaby Mountain, or at Place Ville Marie.

So corrupt has government become, and so accustomed are we to corruption, that not one voice has been raised in the mammoth press, pointing out that it is the police state that operates by selective enforcement. There are so many laws making offences of normally innocent actions, that no-one knows them all, nor can they all be enforced. Thus people commit offences every day in all innocence, against these laws held in abeyance. It is left to the discretion of police chiefs which laws they will begin to enforce. Now, suppose you don't go to the right church, belong to the right "service club", or political party, maybe if you are critical of authority, soon you could be hauled in and charged under some resuscitated law. You could be punished for not conforming.

To clean up, let's abolish all laws by failing to re-enact them, and let us then declare a principle of equal rights which shall be the basis of all social action. This must necessarily imply the abolition of taxation as being the denial of the individual's right to the produce of his own labour. This must also imply the collection of the rent of land (ground-rues) for public purposes. Being publicly produced, the rent belongs to the public. If we continue to allow it to fall into individual hands, we cannot be in possession of our equal rights to the use of the freely provided earth.

Let's have a society run on principles of logic, not by the confrontation of F.I.Q. terror with state terror.

Dr. J.D. Kirk, of Rutgers University, N. Jersey, speaking at Vancouver, Oct. 23rd. said, "Outdoor Education is the method which utilises the out-of-doors to cultivate a reverence for life through an ecological exploration of the interdependence of all living things, one on the other, and to form a land ethic illustrating man's temporary stewardship of the land." He went on to censure lack of good attitudes and values, and advocated a re-evaluating of goals and experiences being offered in our teaching institutions. He began well didn't he?