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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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A young man jumped on Soviet Kosygin in Ottawa. P.M. Trudeau then explained that the proper way to get justice from the Soviet bosses was to appeal to their humanity. Now we have reached the point the Southern slaves were at a century and a half ago. The slaves could only appeal to the humanity of the master.

It seemed then that a human being in a state of freedom had a right to justice, not condescension and favours, and to a person who does not have a slave mentality, it seems so today.

We have all heard about the dread Siberian prisons to which individuals are sent when they dare to offer criticism of the Soviet regime. This is bestiality. We know that there is a constant power struggle among the ruthless and treacherous aspirants to political power. They trample their way to power, rewrite "history" for a brief period and then are deposited into limbo by others more bestial and cunning. What in heaven's name can we expect of Kosygin in the way of humanity?

## SOCRED SOCRATES

Agricultural Minister Shelford expresses concern about the future of farm-land in the Fraser Valley and wants "development rights" bought up out of public funds so that it will not pay farmers to subdivide and the land will remain as a green belt.

The proposal to purchase "development rights" is not new. It has never produced good results anywhere else and will not here. In the first place it is impractical. The community can only pay for the small fraction of agricultural land at present being subdivided, for the price of the title must be all that the traffic will bear. If they can only afford this small fraction, how can they subsidise all landholders at one time, giving them the amount they might gain by subdividing. There is not enough in the public treasury to carry out even a minute fraction of the proposal.

In the second place, there is the matter of interpretation. Is land presently cultivated meant? How about the great areas of bush? (second growth after destructive logging). How big does an area have to be to constitute a farm? If there is a forty acre subdivision with half a dozen scattered one-acre lots sold, is any of this farmland?

When people tackle a problem in the wrong way, they get themselves into trouble. They make regulations which lead to all kinds of anomalies.

The regulations become more and more complicated in order to close up loopholes, but still some smart person can see through the maze enough to enrich himself by his cunning.

How simple it is to secure the whole of the value of the public domain (for by law, all land is still public) by making continued occupation of any area contingent upon the payment of the going natural rent arrived at by free bidding. The Provincial Government has the power to do this, to restore to the people the value the people create on the land, but knowing the speculative style of the bosses, -- Bennett at ribbon-cuttings advising all and sundry to hold onto land because its value will skyrocket, his pal, Capozzi Senr. telling his family that whenever he had any spare cash, he would buy land, his protegee Gagliardi involved in scandalous land-deals with his sons, -- knowing all this, we can be sure that logic will go unheeded, but land-speculators will not go unrewarded.

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#### SOCIETY FOR ECONOMIC EDUCATION

Beginning Sunday October 31st, a social philosophy group will meet at the home of President Gunnar Jeberg. The time of the meeting is to be 7-45, and will be the same on succeeding weeks. It is hoped that teenagers and parents will be there to see what there is in common on both sides of the generation gap. Tea, coffee and cookies will be served at the interval.

A similar course held recently was very successful. The teenagers really appreciated somewhere to spend a pleasant evening in discussion with no holds barred. If any of our readers could encourage some young person to come along, no doubt transportation could be arranged. There is to be a pickup at the Dell, Whalley, for those in the Surrey area. Other pickups can be arranged by contacting the Editor.

News of a course in Social Philosophy in the Coquitlam area. School District #43 is offering a course in Centennial School, 570 Poirier St. commencing Thursday Feb 3 at 7-30 p.m.. The fee will be \$12 and will cover texts and other material. Being a non-profit organisation, the sponsor cover texts and other material. Being a non-profit organisation, the sponsor Society will likely devote the surplus to the Essay Contest fund.

Vice-President Carl Iversen has had many months of sickness, being in and out of hospital. Thankfully, he is now feeling well and has returned to designing electronic circuits to do even more miraculous things.

The September meeting was held at Director Kirner's ranch. The log house is very attractive with its antique artifacts. There was some discussion of a new chapter of the text.

A reprint of "The Revolt of the Masses" by Jose Ortega Gasset is enjoying some popularity. Although Gasset is hopelessly confused on many issues, particularly confounding the individual and collective spheres, and apparently having no knowledge of the part that claims to land ownership play in the exercise of political power, (he states that "nobility is conferred on a family because of the outstanding public service rendered by the first ennobled, and that from generation to generation excellence is maintained) in spite of all this he does manage to make some penetrating statements, here reproduced without comment.

..... by believing that they have a right to an opinion on the matter without previous effort to work one out for themselves, they prove patently that they belong to that absurd type of human being which I have called the "Rebel Mass".

..... The individual finds himself already with a stock of ideas. He decides to content himself with them and to consider himself intellectually complete. As he feels the lack of nothing outside himself, he settles down definitely amid his mental furniture. Such is the mechanism of self-obliteration.

.....The command exercised today over public life by the intellectually vulgar is perhaps the factor of the present situation which is most novel, least assimilable to anything in the past. Today the average man has the most mathematical ideas on all that happens or ought to happen in the universe. Hence he has lost his hearing. Why should he listen if he has within him all that is necessary? There is no reason now for listening, but rather for judging, pronouncing, deciding. There is no question concerning public life, in which he does not interfere, blind and deaf as he is, imposing his "opinions".

..... Barbarism is the absence of standards to which appeal can be made.

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Joey Smallwood is no longer premier of Newfoundland. Frank Moores takes his place. It's the same old tale. Faced with an unemployment rate of 20% plus half of the 20% on "welfare", the voters just wanted a change. Moores apparently has offered no expression of policy. The situation is the usual one of the election of a personality with bands and ballyhoo. Interviewed on radio, Moores said he would have to get together with his boys to figure out a policy. Could there be anything more barren than that? He apparently intends to keep demanding subventions from Ottawa for he said that he did not think the Liberal government in Ottawa would be any less accommodating to a Conservative government in Newfoundland than they were to the late Liberal one.