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## HENRY GEORGE - NEWSCASTER

Not long ago over my radio came these words - "This is Henry George." Of course, I as startled - then a week or so later I heard it again!

I wrote to Mr. Henry George, c/o Radio Station WOR to learn about the man, Henry George, newscaster. This is the reply I received: "In response to your query, Henry George, in my case, is a pseudonym. By way of explanation, I am the Long Island correspondent for United Press International. Because of certain rules of both my employer and the radio station, I have to use a name other than my own. I decided to use my first and middle names. I was quite aware that I was using the name of the well-known economist, Mr. George's

tax theories were required reading in my mid-west college days which was longer ago than I even care to think about. Thank you for your interest. - Henry George Logeman

J. Tetley

FROM THE TOP DOWN OR  
FROM THE BOTTOM UP?

The Uruguayan economist, historian and diplomat, Andres Lamas published a book The Economic Work of Bernadino Rivadavia. Rivadavia, first President of Argentina (1826) proposed legislation to free his country of private monopoly in land. The legislation, however, did not survive.

An important reason was that the legislation was the work of an enlightened group but was not fully un-

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## "PEACE - Thy most precious gift!"

Not fear of war but love of peace should inspire us to seek it. But will it be ours by prayer and wishing alone? "Son," said the father as he left home for work, "when I return I want you to be a finer character." "Son," said the father on his return from work, "I hope you are now a finer character than when I left this morning." And .. one day the police called ... the son was in such bad trouble ...

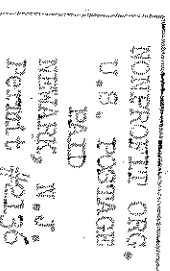
PEACE, like character, is the end result of endless acts of cultivation. Wishing and praying may set the ideal; then acts of cultivation must follow. A great tool to this end is the Science of Economics. As revealed through Henry George in Progress and Poverty, it becomes alive to this purpose. At Christmas time, when the spirit of The Prince of Peace predominates, let us give thought to working the economic garden to have peace, prosperity and freedom in our world.

And, MERRY CHRISTMAS --- A HAPPY 1958 --- Amen. Noah D. Alper (1957)

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derstood by the people at large. (A privileged landed aristocracy existed.)

Perhaps the main lesson to be learned from this chapter of history is that an idea as essentially revolutionary as George's idea of restoring the land to the people by collecting the rent as public revenue, needs solid and broad-based understanding among the people if it is to have a chance of success. Those who profit by monopoly will not hesitate to adopt any means to preserve it--even to destroy democracy and to set up a dictatorship.

B. Butterworth-LAND & LIBERTY

#### WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE HENRY GEORGE SCHOOL?

Is the purpose of the Henry George School to expound the writings of Henry George? When, in 1938, I "took the course" at the Henry George School of Social Science, located on 79th St. New York City, PROGRESS & POVERTY was the text-book used and Lesson Sheets containing questions to test the understanding of the student of the assignment he was supposed to read, formed the basis for discussion.

The text-book is "An Inquiry Into the Cause of Industrial Depressions and of Increase of Want with Increase of Wealth - THE REMEDY." The author of PROGRESS & POVERTY, Henry George, dedicated his treatise - "To those who, seeing the vice and misery that spring from the unequal distribution of wealth and privilege, feel the possibility of a higher social state and would strive for its attainment."

Many a person who read PROGRESS & POVERTY were inspired to "strive for a higher social state." It was this, I am inclined to feel was the original goal or purpose of the Henry George School of Social Science established in New York. Other movements, of course, have the same goal. The distinction between "other" organizations having the same goal and the Henry George schools, it seems to me, is, what George called "THE REMEDY".

My own interpretation of the remedy is "a change in the land-tenure system whereby the annual site-value of land and severance value of other natural resources are collected for the support of government."

This is the unique idea, which I am inclined to think was the reason for the Henry George School. When I am asked, "What is the Henry George School?", I do not state the above. I could not expect a person to grasp the idea therein expressed. Rather, I reply, "It is an independent adult educational organization to direct inquiry into basic principles of economics, government, money and credit and taxation."

"Its reason for existence is that nowhere, so far as I know, can these basic principles be obtained so clearly in a short time at little or no cost."

This, very briefly, I feel is the purpose and the goal of the Henry George School. Is the school worth while? Henry George in a letter to George Rusby, co-founder of the Henry George School of New Jersey, wrote: "It may be a long, long struggle; but to see the truth and to do what one can to spread it, brings its own independent and rich reward."

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#### THE CHRISTIAN ETHIC AND PHASE II Oscar B. Johannsen

So far are we from having put in to practice the teachings of the Prince of Peace, that it seems as though it must have been eons upon eons ago, when despite increasing oppression from established secular and religious authorities, He steadfastly wandered over the barren hills and lush valleys of the land surrounding Jerusalem, patiently spreading the gospel of Love and the Brotherhood of Man.

And yet, as measured against the span of limitless time, the two thousand years which have elapsed were but a second ago. Possibly then, in a world in which the Almighty Himself makes His changes so gradually that mountains of time are consumed before they are effected, it is too much to expect that man would have more than the faintest of understandings of the breadth of vision bestowed upon him by the Gentle Carpenter.

But, still, one cannot help but feel that at least a slightly better appreciation and implementation of His teachings would have been achieved by this time, for after all, man is possessed of the Divine Spark--that Spark which makes us all truly the children of the Lord.

Possibly it is precisely because His vision is so many-faceted that so much of it still eludes man. Whatever glimmerings man does possess revolve around its spiritual and moral values, the result of men of good will carefully studying those ethical precepts for so long.

But little or no appreciation exists of His teachings as guides for such prosaic matters as man's economic needs and his relationship to that peculiar human institution--The State.

Does not his whole life and his constant exhortations to the individual to look after himself, to give of himself, and to help his fellowman personally betoken a recognition that it is the individual who is responsible for whatever gets done, and not The State?

His counsel to "Render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's" has a double meaning. If nothing belongs to Caesar, then men should render Caesar nothing.

If, as His gospel implies, it is the individual who does everything, and not The State, what about the attempts of The American State to regulate the economy of 200 million souls? When one recalls the picture of sad resignation of His face as is so often depicted in those great works of art which show him standing before Pontius Pilate, one can imagine that same look on His face as He watches the pathetic absurdities of American bureaucrats and politicians, in the manner of King Canute, commanding prices not to rise. One can almost hear Him saying with resigned patience, "Will they never learn what I have tried to teach them?"

Phase II of the regulatory program is being inaugurated as the Christmas Season gets under way. Few note the absurdity of paying homage on the one hand to One who preached the freedom of the individual, the inviolability of the human soul from the oppressions of the State, and on the other hand rendering obeisance to The State in its regulations destroying that freedom, destroying that God-given right of a man to develop his capacities as he so wishes--and all in the name of helping the individual.

But so understanding is He, that, no doubt, if you will listen to the murmurings of your heart, you will hear Him quietly saying "Forgive them, for they know not what they do."

With such an example, what else can we do but also to forgive them, particularly at this time of good will to all, and hope that those foolish men who, possibly without realizing it, are playing at being God, awaken before it is too late and before they have done too much damage.

#### SENSE AND NONSENSE

It is rather interesting that despite all attempts to make economics into an amoral science, everything points to it being a moral science.

Recently, Prof. Milton Friedman, one of the noted academic economists, in two articles which appeared in the New York Times, probably without realizing it, brought out the truth of the above statement.

In these articles in which he criticized the wage-price-rent freeze and Phase II controls, he attacked them not so much on the grounds that they were economically unwise, but rather that they were "deeply and inherently immoral".

Unfortunately, not many economists seem to be as perceptive as Dr. Friedman, which is why so many wishy-washy

articles appear wondering if the controls will work. One would assume that since the history of the world is a history of the inability of government to control economies, the economists of the nation would have taken a firm stand against controls in favor of freedom. If they have, they haven't been shouting louder than a whisper, for the only prominent one against them seems to be Prof. Friedman.

Dr. Friedman sees what the end result of controls can be unless they are removed, for he says "it is disheartening to see us take this further long step on the road to tyranny so lightly, so utterly unaware that we are doing something fundamentally in conflict with the basic principles on which this country was founded."

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The Australians seem to be treating the aborigines of their country just about the same as we did to the Indians. This past spring the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory handed down a judgment that Australia's 160,000 aborigines have no legal title to their ancient tribal land.

"We know we were always there", is the basis of the aboriginal claims. The judge found that the so-called doctrine of communal native title had no place in the common law. The ruling was 260 pages long.

The judge ruled that all the land in the area concerned became the property of the Crown upon the foundation of the British colonies. Thereafter, a person had to show title from the Crown, which the aborigines had not been able to do. During the hearings, sacred relics were produced as title deeds, and anthropologists and aboriginal leaders testified, but to no avail.

What was the reason for the judgment? Well, it just happens to be that a huge alumina-bauxite project is being developed there. Where such important elements are concerned, the rights of aborigines, who cannot bring force to bear are ignored.

If they had a Washington, Jefferson, Thomas Paine, Benjamin Franklin and others, possibly they could undo the judgements. But it is hardly likely that they have any, so they are being treated with the same lack of consideration as the white man treated the American Indians.

The more things change, the more they remain the same.

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Inflation definitely is here now! I gave my nephew a nickel, and he looked puzzled. "What's this", he asked, "a medal?"

# SANTA CLAUS?

Once again, as the Christmas holidays approach, we are reminded of that classical reply by an editorial writer on the old NEW YORK SUN, to a letter received asking if there is a Santa Claus - "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus." It was a very beautiful response for a child. However, we must face the facts.

The United States Government, fondly referred to as Uncle Sam or Uncle Sap - has been supplying "gifts" to not only millions of people in the United States and foreign countries, but actually many are led to believe "there is a Santa Claus." We must be harsh - THERE IS NO SANTA CLAUS!

Those who receive these gifts - whether they are deserving or not - receive them because the government either takes from others in taxes or via deficit financing, monetizing the debt - monetary inflation, the most cruel tax - upon the poor as well as the rich.

Sorry, Virginia - THERE AIN'T NO SANTA CLAUS.

## ALBERTA PROSPERITY

The Crown owns 90% petroleum and natural gas - mineral rights - and administers these natural resources by lease to private companies of specified blocks. Terms and tenure of lease are known and guaranteed. The crown collects economic "rent" which is paid voluntarily by companies and individuals in free competition with others. No one is forced. It is generally conceded that Alberta high level of prosperity is due mainly to this natural revenue arising from man's ingenuity and labor applied to land freely given by nature.

During the past 23 years the petroleum industry has paid \$3.8 billion to Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and British Columbia.

Hence their high schools are well equipped, the teachers well paid, and some Victorian teachers have resigned to cross over to Alberta to enjoy a share of the prosperity arising from the Henry George system of rent for revenue.

PROGRESS - Australia

## SALT OF THE EARTH

Isn't it true that the only thing that is more blessed to give than to receive is criticism?

Miss Lovelorn explained the other day why a lot of women's lib meetings are so sparsely attended. "After all it's a terrible place to meet a man."

A woman's lib leader, who was speaking to a ladies' club to which a few

men had been invited, said that soon women soldiers would be the order of the day. "Who", she asked, "can defeat a well-trained army of women?"

A male voice in the back of the room shouted "Just one mouse."

Some claim that college is the American way of compressing one year's education into four.

Daffynitions:

Chiropractor: Slipped disc jockey.

Mad money: Distrust fund.

Electronic teaching: Farwell to marms.

Brilliant coup: Grabbing a contract from under a rival's nose.

Sneaky trick: When it's your nose.

Egotist: A self-made man who worships his creator.

Religious retreat: Vacation with pray.

## KEEPING CHRISTMAS

In a world that seems not only to be changing, but even to be dissolving, there are some tens of millions of us who want Christmas to be the same ....

With the same old greeting - "Merry Christmas" and no other.

We long for the abiding love among men of good will which the season brings ....

Believing in this ancient miracle of Christmas with its softening, sweetening influence to tug at our heart strings once again.

We want to hold on to the old customs and traditions because they strengthen our family ties, bring us to our friends,

Make us one with all mankind. For whom the child was born, and bring us back again to the God who gave his only begotten son,

That "Whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

So we will not "spend" Christmas Nor "observe" Christmas ... We will "keep" Christmas - keep it as it is ...

In all the loveliness Of its ancient traditions. May we keep it in our hearts, That we may be kept in its hope.

Peter Marshall