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"LET no man imagine that he has no influence. Whoever he may be and wherever he may be placed, the man who THINKS becomes a light and a power."
—Henry George

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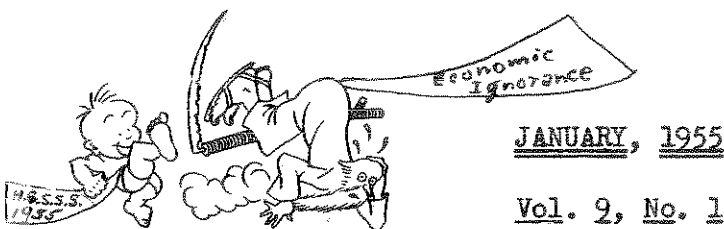
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"THE great work of the present for every man, and every organization of men, who would improve social conditions, is the work of education."
—Henry George

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Tax Assessor Speaks at Forum Wed., January 12

John R. Quinn, Los Angeles County Tax Assessor, will speak at the School's January forum Wed. evening, Jan. 12, 7:45 p.m., on "Perplexing Problems of Your Tax Assessor."

It will be held at the Park Manor, 607 S. Western Ave., Los Angeles, Rm. 1. Jesse A. Zeeman, President of the Zeeman Clothing Co., will be chairman.

Among subjects to be discussed will be the recent assessment hikes on land in the San Fernando Valley and elsewhere. These increased assessed values, significantly enough, were not accompanied by increases on improvements! In addition, Mr. Quinn will tell of other problems facing the assessor's office, as well as deal with the procedure for assessing property here.

There will be refreshments and a social period, following the question period. No admission fee. Free will donations. Your friends are welcome.

Radio Program Preparations

As this goes to press, last-minute arrangements are being completed for your School's 15-minute radio program.

There has been a little delay, in connection with programming, in the endeavor to select the choicest time. However, we anticipate starting the broadcasts during January. HERALD readers will be notified promptly of the day and hour.

The first broadcast will be an interview with Agnes de Mille, noted choreographer, author, and granddaughter of Henry George. The second will be a discussion with John R. Quinn, L.A. County Tax Assessor, on assessing prob-

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Winter Classes Begin Jan. 17

Fundamental classes of the winter term, beginning the week of Jan. 17, are listed on the enclosed folder. A good plan is to carry this with you and show or give it to anyone you contact who may be a likely prospective student. More are available on request. It is not too late to send in names of friends to whom you would like your School to send such announcements, or to offer to place posters, publicizing the classes. Posters can be mailed to you. Drop L.A. Headquarters a card or call NO-5-8398. These methods of class promotion are inexpensive and quite productive. May we hear from you?

The one continuation class scheduled thus far is a course of 6 weeks (or more) on "Tariffs and Subsidies Versus Free Enterprise." It will meet on Wednesday evening, 7 to 9, beginning Jan. 19, at the Casa Verdugo Library, 1151 N. Brand, Glendale. This course is open to all who have completed the basic one. It includes discussion of the arguments for tariffs and free trade as they affect wages, business, and international relations, as well as a consideration of our farm policy, industrial monopoly, and government attempts at price regulation. You may enroll at the opening session.

Latest Successes for L.V.T. from "Down Under"

PROGRESS (Melbourne) and LAND & LIBERTY (London) bring news of two recent local elections in Eltham Shire and Sale City (Victoria, Australia). In both the voters chose to change to a system of taxing land values only, exempting improvements. In Sale City the vote was overwhelming, more than 2½ to 1 in favor of L.V.T. This is the largest majority recorded for such an election in over 30 years.

These victories are already having influence on other local communities, some of which are considering similar action. In addition, PROGRESS reports candidates for city council posts in several Australian towns, running on a plank of exclusive land value taxation, were

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Radio Program

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Items, including recent hikes in San Fernando Valley land assessments.

"Down Under" Successes

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ected. Only one was de-
feated. A goodly percentage
of local government units in
both Australia and New Zealand
already tax land values only,
exempting improvements completely.

International Spotlight on Land Reform

The L.A. DAILY NEWS of Nov.
25, 1954, quoting from an ar-
ticle in the "New York Times"
told of the formation, under
U.N. auspices, of a "center"
in Thailand to discuss land problems in Asia;
"The problem of land tenure, the first item on
the agenda... has been a critical factor in
the life of every government that has been
set up. Land hunger among the world's under-
privileged peoples is a very real thing."

Marquis Childs, in his column Nov. 26 in
the NEWS, said, "During his Washington visit
Premier Mendes-France talked about the reforms
which must be introduced (in connection with
the problems in Indo-China) - conspicuously
land reform - if the allegiance of the Viet
namese people is to be won and kept."

The Nov. issue of PROGRESS tells of
studies being undertaken by the U.N. on land
reform. Land tenure experts have been sent
to various Latin American countries to work
in an advisory capacity. The countries in-
clude Guatemala, Bolivia, Mexico, Brazil, and
Costa Rica. Studies on taxes affecting agri-
culture in relation to economic development
are being undertaken. Let's hope they come
up with something!

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The November issue of PROGRESS (Melbourne)
stated: "At the 8th session of GATT, the con-
tracting parties adopted a report arising from
a technical study of the French plan for the
reduction of tariffs on a world-wide basis of
30%. A popular explanation of the French
plan was published..."

The headline in the L.A. DAILY NEWS of
Dec. 11, 1954, was "WE'RE LOSING TRADE WAR TO
REDS, U.S. ENVOY SAYS - Sen. Albert Gore (D-
Tenn.), home from the Geneva conference which
is revising the general agreement on tariffs
and trade (GATT), today said the free world
nations must ease their foreign commerce bar-
riers or accept as inevitable vast new gains
by the Soviet trade offensive."

The WALL STREET JOURNAL of
Dec. 13, 1954, lists as "No.
1 on the hit parade" of Pres.
Eisenhower's 1955 program "a
three-year extension of the
reciprocal trade program, with new authority
to cut tariffs."

News from the International Trade Front

Again we wish to express our sincere apprecia-
tion to our many friends whose contributions
are making this program possible! And incl-
ednally, additional donations and pledges,
 earmarked for the radio fund, are still in or-
der, for the purpose of keeping the program
on the air indefinitely.

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