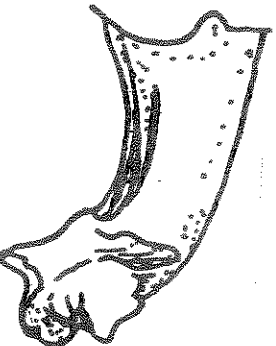


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GUESS WHO -

has been appointed to the Commission to study tax structure in N.J.?

what they will do ?

what they will come up with? Right!

One news report observed "The State has for years been dependent to a large extent on the local property tax to raise most of the revenue to pay for public services in New Jersey. Many fiscal experts regard the levy as outmoded and in need of thorough overhaul; some favor doing away with the local property tax entirely."

There is of course no better way to encourage higher land prices and holding land for speculation.

Of Lake Louise it has been said:

"Its waters are distilled from peacock's tails and paved with mother of pearl, and into them rush those wild blues that are only mixed in the heart of glaciers ..."

Arnold Weinstein, President of the Henry George School of Social Science has sent out a clarion call to visit this famed lake - and the unique annual conference at Calgary, Canada, July 7th to 12th.

There awaits Western style barbecue, stampepe, a stay at the Pallister Hotel - and a 7% reduction of prices when U.S. Dollars are used.

One of the banquet speakers will be the Hon. Fred Colborne, Minister of Municipal Affairs for the Province of Alberta, another W.O. Mitchell leading Canadian humorist.

So - arrange your vacation to take in Canada's finest for
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Remember not so many years ago a Tax Convention held hearings - and came out for a State Sales Tax?

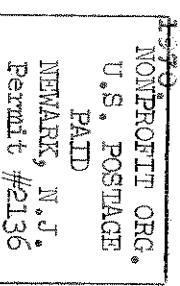
\$25,000. Is to be given for this newly appointed study(?) gang.

Their qualifications? Don't be absurd.

Just a rehash of the same old thing - perhaps more funds to help do it - and you know what tax will be recommended!

Tuesday - June 9th 1:30

Final session for Afternoon Discussion Group, until Fall. Do try to come out if you can - and bring along a friend.



Exerpts - News Commentary

The Constitution of the U.S. offers no protection for any separate groups of people. It does not even protect "citizens" as such.

The only ones protected by the Constitution are PERSONS - plain, ordinary human beings. The alien traveling here is guaranteed the same protection of life, liberty and property that citizens enjoy.

The American Indians properly own most of this continent; the only just arrangement would be to return all the stolen land and pay tribute to the Indians for permission to occupy their continent.

A more sensible principle is the idea that all persons have EQUAL right to land - not more right because they were here first, not more right because they came later and conquered but EQUAL rights by the fact of their existence.

The modern idea is that people have only such rights as the State grants.

It is passe to suggest that men have natural rights the State is bound to respect. So if someone gets enough influence with the Legislature and the courts to wrong you by legal means, you are left with no ground for argument.

So what do you do for relief? You do what the State does - you do not trouble much about academic questions of right and wrong.

If whoever holds a valuable part of the common estate pays the annual value of his holding into the public treasury, he acknowledges the equal rights of others. He, in effect, rents his holding, but his possession is undisturbed.

Some say such an arrangement would take too long to establish. They've got to be kidding. Or perhaps they have not heard of the campaign now under way to place on the ballot a constitutional amendment that would shift the property tax in California to land values only. Such a measure would substantially raise the taxes on idle land-holdings and would bring land onto the market at bargain prices.

I venture the hypothesis that the concept of natural rights has disappeared from the kit bag of social scientists for the very reason that it is too useful. It directly and immediately threatens privilege in every form. It strikes at the draft, at the income tax, at state-created monopolies, at the absolute land ownership, that denies the equal right to land.

The concept of equal rights implies that men should be free to pursue happiness as long as they do violence to no one. It implies that men should have equal access to the gifts of nature. It implies that they should be free to produce and trade without any tax collector carrying off any part of their earnings. It raises the glorious possibility of a society in which government would be the true defender of each and all.

I propose that we resurrect the natural rights concept and work it for all it is worth - which is a great deal.

Robert Tideman, Executive
Vice Pres. HGS No. Calif.
in THE ANALYST April 1970

THE LAND SPECULATOR

The land he buys - he does not need.

He buys for profit - not for use.

He buys to reap - where others sow.

The more they sow - the more he reaps.

The more they work - the more they're taxed.

The less he does - the less he's taxed.

The less he's taxed - the more he'll speculate.

The more he speculates - the dearer

the land.

The dearer the land - the fewer the

houses.

The fewer the houses - the higher the

rents.

The higher the rents - the worse for

the worker -

The worse for his wife -

The worse for his children!

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which also printed minutes of the annual meeting of the Henry George League, from which we quote:

"A special drive was made during the year to follow up unfinancial members."

The GARGOyle also has some "unfinancial members" and while no special drive will be made to follow them - they are cordially invited to become financial.

Bookings for Better Cities

Hillside - Municipal Officials, arranged by Trustee G.W. Stegner.

Maplewood - Church Group, arranged by Trustee Elwood Shepherd

Bloomfield - Taxpayers Association, arranged by Mr. Kalucki, student in Discussion group - O.B. Johannsen

Who can line up bookings for Fall? Contact HGS-NJ for film. Projector, screen, operator are available.

Person to answer questions following showing of film.

YOUTH ON THE MARCH

The invasion of Cambodia has sparked an uproar among the youth of the country which has amazed not only the administration but probably most of the people.

No doubt, by this time, millions of words have been written and digested on this startling phenomenon. There seems little question but that the young are puzzling to the older generation. It is, of course, a trite statement to point out that the young are always different from their elders, and that there are always disputes between them. But what seems to be happening now may be different from anything which occurred between the younger and older generations of the past.

To this writer it appears that the young of the past listened more to their elders. They might differ on points but in the main they agreed with the aims and values of their elders. America was a great and growing country. By hard work one might rise in life. In addition, America tended more or less to keep out of the interminable disputes raging in Europe, something of which both the young and old approved.

But in the 20th Century, that seems to have gone by the board. Not only have we intervened or been dragged into European wars, but also in Asia and the Middle East. We have become the policeman of the world, and thoroughly disliked because of it.

And our intervention has not made matters better. The first World War which was the war to end war brought into existence a power worse than the Russian Czarist government--Communist Russia. And the second World War seemed to have led to the spread of communism in China. Increasingly, we seem to be making a bigger and bigger mess of things, although, no doubt, our intentions are the best in the world.

What may have been a result is one we never dreamed of, which is that the young increasingly have lost faith in the older generation, their values and their understanding. "Love" is the youth's theme. In effect they are saying "hate" is the elder's theme.

To the young, the older generation not only seems impotent in solving the problems but is going in the wrong direction. Therefore, youth feels it must intervene to correct the problems perplexing society. But this is ludicrous for the young do not have the necessary experience, wisdom nor wherewithal to solve problems. But after noting what the older generation has done, they feel they cannot do any worse.

The long hair, sloppy dress and laughing at old standards has probably been the young's method of telling the old that change is in order. They did not feel they could do much in any other way, so they started something on which they could work, this so-called cultural revolution.

But, with Cambodia invaded, they seem to have decided they could and would go beyond that, and are beginning to organize themselves politically as activists. They are actually trying to take the running of the nation out of the hands of the older generation, and it may be that because the elders sense this that they are now reacting with parades and denunciations which threaten to be as violent as those on the campuses.

The young do not know what the cancer is that is gnawing at our civilization. But they sense something is terribly wrong with a society which seems to be constantly engaged in war, fights between different races, continuing poverty and decaying cities. To them it seems absurd that our generation can attain such a magnificent goal as landing on the moon, and yet cannot solve problems here on earth.

And the older generation seems to feel insecure. It is not particularly proud of the way it has been running things, but it doesn't know what to do about it. But the elders do know that the young would not do any better, and this is almost certainly true, for far too many of the young seem to be turning to socialism as the answer.

Our society is far from perfect, but it is so far superior in every way to a socialistic one that it seems incredible that any intelligent person could even consider socialism, particularly when the deficiencies of Soviet Russia and Red China are so apparent.

Of course, the cancer afflicting our society is the unjust system of land tenure which denies to the individual access to the opportunities to which he has an equal right with everyone else. But it is difficult to prove this to anyone's satisfaction. No doubt, if one states that, he is denounced as a socialist or laughed at. But slavery was one of the cancers eating at the heart of the South before the Civil War. None of the Southerners would believe it was one of the principal reasons the South was not making the progress which the North was making. Those suggesting it was, were either denounced or ignored as a fool.

The danger today is that as a reaction to the young people, repressive measures will be taken which will destroy the freedom of the people. The people will stand just so much disorder then they demand action. And

the older generation has the money and the power to enforce its will if it wishes.

It is to be hoped that cooler heads will prevail--that the young will learn to express their dissent peacefully and in ways which will not give the older hot heads the excuse to bear down with brute force. And in turn it is to be hoped that the older generation will be reasonable and try to listen and understand what the young are saying. If such is the case possibly out of the continuing dialogue, some appreciation of the cancer in our Society may be gained.

Oscar B. Johannsen

SENSE & NONSENSE

As this is a political year, possibly it might be worthwhile to recall how Will Rogers summed things up a generation ago.

"Politics is apple-sauce. This country got where it is in spite of politics and not by the aid of it."

"There's no credit in being a comedian when you have the whole government working for you. All I do is report the facts. That's funny enough. I don't even have to exaggerate."

"The Party that's out always looks the best. The only difference is that the Democrats want the Republicans to get out and let 'em in, and the Republicans don't want to get out."

"I don't belong to any organized political party. I'm a Democrat."

"They're introducing a bill in Congress to take the profits out of war. It would be a still better idea if they put in the bill that not only couldn't we make money out of our own wars, but we couldn't make money out of anybody's war."

"Where is all the money coming from that the government's throwing away? Well, I don't know, but it sorter looks like its coming from those that have got it."

On national conventions he said - "They're clambakes, glorified Mickey Mouse cartoons. If they ever took a sanity test at a political convention 93% would be removed to an asylum."

After listening to the keynoter at one of the GOP conventions, he summed it up as follows: The Republicans were responsible for the radio, telephone, baths, autos, savings accounts law enforcement, workmen living in houses, and a living wage for Senators. The Democrats were responsible for war, pestilence, debt, disease, bo-weevils, gold teeth, need of farm

relief, suspenders, floods and famines.

He had advice for the President. "Kid congress. Don't scold them. Keep off the radio till you got something to say even if its a year."

He called the administration the Capitol Comedy Company of Washington. He claimed it never made a failure. "Everyone is 100% glad or 100% sad."

In 1928 through Life, the human magazine, he "ran" for president on the Anti-Bunk Party, complete with campaign promises and oratory. He said "We will not only give the farmer relief, we will cure him of being a farmer."

In 1932, Oklahoma put its 22 votes behind him. He said "I was sufe grateful for their staunch and unwavering support for me during that entire fifteen minutes. It just goes to show--politics ain't on the level."

In view of the tensions, violence and emotion prevalent today, maybe we need another Will Rogers to make us laugh at ourselves.

SALT OF THE EARTH

A taxpayer recently lamented: "I owe the government so much money they don't know whether to throw me in jail or recognize me as a foreign power."

Inflation has become so bad that it has hit the price of feathers..Even down is up.

"No man really knows about other human beings. The best he can do is suppose that they are like himself."

John Steinbeck

"That pain in your leg is caused by old age" the doctor said.

"Don't be silly" replied Grandpa - "My other leg's the same age and it doesn't hurt."

A man 102 years old boasts he's always been fond of whisky, tobacco and women. Just wait. That fancy living will get him yet.

First Coed - "Why are you taking that whistle with you tonight?"

Second Coed - "I have a date with a basketball player."

A city boy, visiting his country cousin was walking through a pasture when he heard a buzzing sound. Cousin - "Come away from there. It's a rattlesnake. If you go near it, it will strike."

City Boy - "Gosh, do they have unions too?"

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