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FAIRHOPE - CONSULTATION

"A Chimney where all winter long - The Logs give back the Wild Bird's Song." This is the inscription on the mantel of the fireplace in the spacious Lobby of The Colonial Inn, Fairhope, Alabama. A cheery fire was blazing at six o'clock on Thursday, April 5th when the informal reception for those who were attending the Henry George Groups Consultation found real southern hospitality extended by a goodly number of residents of the Single Tax Colony on Mobile Bay. Fairhope is the oldest and largest of the enclaves of Economic Rent.

Persons from California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Alabama were present. On Friday morning, Jack Tetley, Coordinator of the Henry George Groups officially opened the Consultation and the program was finalized. Then there was a real treat - a delightful demonstration of folk dancing at the world famous Organic School in Fairhope. An invitation was extended to the visitors to join in the dancing and a number did so, including some no longer youngsters. At the conclusion of this program, Dian and Claude Arnold of Fairhope, Co-chairpersons of the Consultation, who did a monumental job, led in singing "The Fairhope Song."

A luncheon followed at which time the speaker was Mr. Sam Dyson who explained the set-up and operation of the Single Tax Colony, and a stimulating talk was presented by Dian Arnold. Session No. 2 in the afternoon, was chaired by Bob Clancy, President of the Henry George Institute, New York City, who reported on the growth and activities of that organization including details of a new correspondence course which has been developed. Reports were read from Miss V.G. Peterson, Executive Secretary of the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation; Mal McCarthy, President of School of Economic Science, Ontario, Canada; John L. Monroe, President of Institute for Economic Inquiry; Strehel Walton of Henry George School, Montreal, Canada; Bob Benton, President, Economic Freedom Foundation, Detroit, Mich., and greetings from Judge S. James Clarkson, Michigan. Julian Hikok reported for George Collins, Director of the Henry George School, Philadelphia. Lucier Rockwell of Fairhope made an excellent illustrated talk on "Rent Determination Method", which he had developed.

The evening session was chaired by William Hall of New Hampshire and Bill Newcomb of Melbourne, Fla. reported on his many activities in behalf of the Henry George Movement. He suggested it might be of benefit to use some of the methods so successfully used by other organizations. Reports were read from The School of Living, Freeland, Maryland, Mildred Loomis; and Percy Williams of The Henry George Foundation of America, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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requested.

On Saturday morning the session was chaired by Mitchell S. Lurio, President of Henry George School of Boston and a Trustee of the Henry George School of Social Science, New York City. Harry Pollard, President of the Henry George School of Los Angeles explained the Mini Courses he developed in Classical Analysis. Pollard had been engaged by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation to conduct a 5 session Seminar in Fairhope and present the Mini Courses in the Organic School and Public Schools of Fairhope. He was also an a number of radio and television programs before, during and after the Consultation. Gaston Haxo of St. Petersburg, Fla. spoke on the subject of "Lack of Progress".

In the afternoon a bus tour of Fairhope and vicinity, narrated by Ruth Rockwell and Claude Arnold, presented the opportunity of viewing the delightful scenery of Fairhope and surrounding area. Following this, Mike Curtis of Arden, Del. showed a one-hour film in which was depicted the beautiful countryside of the Ardens; the arts, crafts and dramatics of that #2 Enclave.

A Banquet was held at Barron's Restaurant in the evening. Ruth Rockwell, was Toastmistress and speakers - Claude Arnold, Dr. Robert V. Andelson of the University of Auburn, Auburn, Ala., Harry Pollard, and Jack Tetley - and a bow made by Daphne B. Anderson, President of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation.

On Sunday morning a breakfast session was held at the Colonial Inn. It was chaired by Mina Olsen, Director of the Henry George School, Chicago, who reported on the many activities being conducted there. A report was read - Noah Alper, President of the Public Revenue Education Council, St. Louis, Mo., and Ruth Rockwell explained the financial statement of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation.

The final session of the Consultation was held Sunday afternoon and had as Chairman, Julian Hickok of Philadelphia. It was suggested that in view of the International Union Conference at Isle of Man in September, which will be attended by a number of persons from the Henry George Groups, no fall Consultation be planned for this year. It was also felt that this group might best delay plans for its next Consultation until after the Toronto Conference of the Henry George Schools in July.

A general discussion of the objectives and accomplishments of the Fairhope Consultation with appreciation of the work done by all who had a part in the promotion and program expressed. A Resolution was proposed by Elsie Dardek, seconded by Converse Harwell, that the Henry George Groups recommend that the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation publish the "Determination of Rent Procedure" prepared by Lucier Rockwell and make it available. Resolution unanimously carried.

Mr. Converse Harwell was in charge of publicity and obtained several good press releases which were published in The Fairhope Courier, The Mobile Press, and Mobile Register, starting back on March 15th. Mr. Harwell also prepared a Souvenir Program containing picture of Earnest B. Gaston (1861-1937) one of the Founders of the Fairhope Single Tax Colony and who established the Fairhope Courier in 1894. A number of residents of Fairhope, including Corney and Piney Gaston, Ruth and Lucier Rockwell, and Jim Gaston entertained several of those persons who attended the Consultation. Mrs. Overton, operator of the Colonial Inn was given a vote of thanks for the hospitality extended to those who stayed at the Inn.

In addition to those mentioned, others from "out of town" attending the Consultation included: Nancy (Mrs. Wm.Hall) Roy Holland, Florida, Bony (Mrs. Robert Andelson, Auburn; Carlton Olson, Claire Menniger, and Steve Cronan, Chicago; Penny Colgan, Arden, Del., Helen (Mrs. Wm. Newcomb) Edith Reichert and Violetta Allen of New York, Bonnie Holt, Darien, Connecticut.

If any others who participated, or any inaccuracies appear above, please forgive and send information to me. I have tried to render a complete and accurate report, and again wish to thank all who assisted in making the Consultation such a pleasant and worth-while event. A complete list of all who registered for the Consultation is being compiled and will be sent to all members of the Henry George Groups and to any others who request it. Jack Tetley

SITE VALUE TAXATION ON RADIO

Dr.H.A.Lazaar, Trustee of HGS-NJ - was on radio program discussing the General Property Tax. A Lawyer who specializes in Real Estate and an Economics Professor from Rutgers University, also on the program agreed site-value taxation has merit BUT felt the assessors could not determine land value for this purpose.They should have been at Fairhope! There may be no hope of convincing them, but perhaps Lucien Rockwell's presentation when available may help convince some that site-value rental procedure can definitely be ascertained!

AMERICA'S MORAL CRISIS

It may be a bit wearisome to hear once again of America going through a moral crisis. It is so apparent. In the entertainment world, the emphasis on sex and vulgarity is so patent as hardly to deserve comment. In politics the scandals come so thick and fast that one is hardly shocked to read of a new one. In business, such scandals as Equity Founding, which issued thousands of bogus life insurance policies is almost looked upon as the normal thing. The churches seem perplexed, hardly knowing what to make of it all.

If all of this is a crisis, it may not be bad. After all, a crisis is precisely the thing which brings in its train action. If you have a heart attack, that crisis forces you to take heed in the future. Possibly it may mean an entirely new departure to your life. The reforms you may have to institute in order to maintain your life may lead to a better one--certainly, may lead to a better appreciation of life and the intelligent enjoyment of it.

There is nothing particularly new in crises in nations. Ancient Athens in the Fifth Century went through a moral crisis. When one reads about it, one is reminded of the close parallel with our own crisis and with solutions offered.

Athens was supposed to be a democracy ruled by the people. But the people felt they had little real control over the decisions made. What individuals American feels he controls such decisions as war in Vietnam? In Athens, its conduct of foreign affairs with other states seemed to be of more importance then attempting to make Athens a nation imbued with a concept of justice. Success was worshiped, as the success and honor were necessarily synonymous. America is preoccupied with foreign affairs, and success in whatever field seems to be the goal of most.

Of course, the young are disillusioned and many of them are skeptical of this worship of success. But this was the same in Athens, and the young and old grew away from one another.

Socrates was one of the few--one of the remnant--who seems to have tried in his calm, depreciating manner to point the way to a better society by reforming the individual rather than society. Know thyself was his injunction. The better you know yourself, the better you make yourself, the better will society be.

In order to know yourself, you must have knowledge. The more you learn, the better you should be the better example you will be for others, the more you can impart to others.

Today, of course, as in Socrates' time, most of the agitation is on some

objective reforms. Reform the money system, reform the political system, reform the family, the church, reform, reform, reform. Georgists are guilty of that too. Many of them naively think that with the institution of a reform of our land tenure system, a virtual paradise will be here on earth. But this is far from being necessarily true. In order for men to use their potential to the fullest extent possible, they must have the highest degree of freedom possible, due consideration being given to all. To attain this freedom, it is imperative that a system of land tenure be adopted which grants to each individual his birthright--right of access to the earth. But it does not follow that if this is done, that men will use their freedom wisely nor well.

It is still necessary for each man to know himself, to develop himself and to live his life so as not to hurt any man.

So, if America's moral crisis leads to a greater understanding of each individual's own life, potential and ethics, it may be a turning point for the better for all of us.

Oscar B. Johannsen

SENSE & NONSENSE

The Middle East is in danger of erupting in a war, not necessarily with Israel, but among the Middle East States. And it all boils down to land. Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates are squabbling among themselves over the Persian Gulf. These states all border on the Gulf, where it is assumed tremendous quantities of oil are hidden in the land under the water. Under international procedures, a nation can claim its continental shelf. This is defined as extending out to water 600 feet deep. But, most of the Gulf is shallower than 600 feet, so it makes practically the entire Gulf "continental shelf, which means the five states bordering it are in conflict with one another.

These states are building up their armies in order to protect their claims. And all for the noble purpose of controlling the oil under the Gulf.

Of course, since all of the earth belongs to all the people living, this land belongs just as much to Europeans, Australians, Americans, and everywhere else, and not merely to the Arabs. At present, no one is thinking along such lines, but eventually they may. As the so-called energy crises worsens, it will occur to some that they are being held up by the Middle East states which are progressively raising their demands for more and more of the profits from the oil there. They have

even hinted at refusing to sell oil, particularly when they get into an argument with Israel. But in the Middle East there are, at most, only about 50 million people, spread over a vast area, and probably a huge number of bedouins who know little or nothing about the oil and couldn't care less.

The Europeans and Americans will not sit idly by if the demands of the Middle East rulers become especially obstreperous. A war among themselves, or a war with Israel, might be the signal for the Western powers to intervene for the purpose of insuring peace. The real purpose would be to control the oil.

Thus, if the Middle East politicians are wise, they will make peace with one another instead of all being so hungry to grab pff as much land as they can. Instead of trying to nationalize the oil companies' properly they should merely make arrangements for leasing the land to the companies. They would then be on solid ground and avoid having the companies being subtle pressure on the Western powers to intervene. If the Middle East countries would, at the same time, turn over to the peoples of their lands, the rents they receive, their people would then tend to develop, educate themselves, and as such would be in a position to show to the world how a wise economic policy leads to mutual growth and development for all.

Is it too much to hope that wisdom will take the place of avarice? Possibly such is the case, for history seems to prove this is so. However, times do change. Maybe, as the Middle East comes more and more to the fore, such ideas as Henry George's on handling land might gain greater acceptance. If so, what looks like the future tinderbox of the world may help lead men to a wiser method of instituting systems of land tenure.

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The Japanese are showing the way for Americans in many ways. The latest is a new product-gold bullion. The Japanese government now permits any Japanese to trade, use or heard gold, if he so desires. The result has been a rush to buy gold bars. On the opening day for trade in gold, a Tokyo department store sold 1200 gold bars weighing 16 ounces each, at a price of about \$1500 a bar. This represents a price of about \$93.50 an ounce.

When are we Americans to be given the right to trade in gold? We're supposed to be among the freest people in the world, but the politicians won't give us the elementary right to own gold. It's time for a change.

SALT OF THE EARTH

If the milk business ever becomes a public utility, will that make a cow a holding company?

If you see businessmen wearing their Christmas ties, look out. Business must be bad.

They claim that liberalism is now the thing in the churches. Maybe so, but our minister tells us it hasn't reached the contribution boxes yet.

It is said that the only things certain in life are death and taxes. The only trouble is they don't come in that order.

There are only two kinds of voters. Those who vote for me and a lot of ignorant, prejudiced people.

Only Americans have mastered the art of being prosperous through broke.

The way installment payment are strung out, by the time a young couple pay for their furniture, it is antiques.

At the present time, the movies are not holding a mirror up to life, but to a keyhole.

The history of money can be written in six words: "Here it is. There it goes."

Man has passed 50,000,000 laws and has yet to improve on the Ten Commandments.

FAREWELL GAS LIGHTS

For many years some of the streets in East Orange, N.J. have been lighted by gas lights; a result of contract made many years ago. Recently on a street near the office of the Henry George School, it was noticed that poles were being set up with electric lights on one such street; then the gas light fixtures were capped - then the fixtures were removed. So passes an era.

THE GARGOYLE

Originally began as an organ of the Henry George School of New Jersey to keep its graduates informed of school activities, and to provide a spout or mouthpiece for them to expound, it has expanded circulation to many others. So long as possible it will be sent to any who request it, without charge. However contributions are helpful.

Financial - that is. But even more so, contributions of material which can be published to further the cause of Site-value taxation, or a land tenure system which will provide a system of economic justice.