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Nov. 159
Freedom
is as
Freedom
Does!

John B. English, Regional Vice-President of
Monarch Life Insurance Company
of Chicago
will be our speaker at the Fall Term Graduation
exercises of Our School, Thursday, Dec. 10 th;
Auditorium, St. Ann, Missouri, County Library

many ways
To Fight
Tyranny
Create
True
Freedom!

Mr. English is a leader in urging "formation of a tax reform commission to operate with 'scientific detachment'" and to "tap the best brains of business, labor and other fields. These men should be imbued with the scientific philosophy!"
The Milwaukee Journal - Sept. 30, 1953

"Creation of a blue ribbon commission of experts to 'sell' America on the need for national tax reform was urged here Tuesday night by a Chicago insurance man."
Milwaukee Sentinel - Sept. 30, 1953.

These quoted comments appeared following a talk by Mr. English to the Economic Policy Association of Milwaukee. We hope you will attend our graduation exercises and we feel the subject warrants inviting friends, whom you would like to interest in our ideas, to attend. All are invited.

WANTED

Graduates who will work on a committee to study, as long as necessary, the relation of religion (ethics) and labor, those who live primarily from wages (salaries) -- to economic science-how economic science can serve both; and, good methods of communicating our findings to these groups. If interested in considering this, call the School - Garfield 1-5630

Did Over-Taxation of Land Values Do It?

"Twentieth Century-Fox, which has done well in oil and real estate, is taking another plunge into real estate. "Some 2300 acres six miles east of Malibu-near Hollywood-cost \$217,000 twenty years ago and is expected to realize \$25,000,000.

"The Company sold 181 acres in Beverly Hills for development by Webb & Knapp into a small city. "Sold for \$60million - it cost \$1,500,000 thirty years ago."
N.Y. Times-Aug. 3, 1959

How local governments, demanding more income, skip RENT-of-land while taking more of the rewards of human effort, is as fabulous a horror story as any Hollywood ever cooked up; it is ultra-fabulous and goes on in real life.

Scientific vs. Agrarian Land Reform

"Another serious defect of the 'Agrarian' approach to land reform is that it ignores the need for land reform in urban and in natural resource land.

"Cuba's leaders could well look to what is happening to Jamaica, a small country near Cuba. This country is beginning the re-assessment of land and exemption of improvements. It is substituting the public collection of rent of land, which is scientific, as the Cuban imitation plan is not. The one plan will encourage economic use of land, labour, and capital; the other (Cuban) will not. The one will encourage use of land without fear of exploitation; the other (Cuban) will not; The one can be (next column)

Who Is Crazy?

Those who cash in on super-highways or those who pay taxes so they can do it? Good Old 'Ike' asks for gas tax hike to end potential stall on the \$50 billion Highway Program which is doing what it need not do - making fortunes for a few. See quotes below from U.S. News & World Report of Aug. 31, 1959.

Headline: "Modern, limited-access roads are pulling industries alongside them like a magnet." The Alameda (Calif) study found that industrial acreage available along this expressway comprises only 9% of the county's total industrial space. Yet, in this limited area, 43 % of the dollars in new industries and 30% of the dollars in industrial expansion have been invested over a 7-year period. In that time, almost 32% of the total number of industrial-expansion projects have been concentrated along the freeway. Average annual industrial investment was 10 million dollars."

"In New Jersey, as a direct result of the construction of the Garden State Parkway, a New York syndicate has planned a gigantic development of homes, industrial plants, shopping centers, hospitals, churches and schools. This development will be made on 15,000 acres of land straddling the parkway in Ocean Co. The firm plans to build around 200,000 homes in the area.

"Along the Eastshore Freeway, land values increased 8.700% in a 12-year period compared to a 5.200% increase in value of similar property removed from the influence of the expressway."

"The modern, controlled-access highways are and will continue to be the greatest stimulant to economic development in America in the last half of the twentieth century. They will be as important as the railways are in the preceding century."

Morally justified; the other cannot.

From Oct. 159 Issue, Land & Liberty,
New York Herald-Tribune, letter by
Noah T. Alpert.

The Original Featherbedding Sin and Moral Decay

Are we like the chap who was asked to empty a bath tub nearly full of water, the plug in place and spigots running -- with a tin cup? Will he start bailing? Or will he stop the spigots and pull the plug?

Our country is like the bathtub, full of corruption, not of water. Are Church and School like the tin cup in the face of unstopped forces which breed corruption and moral decay? Is an act corrupt only if it violates man-made law? Or, is it possible that the law is corrupt? Are good people, innocently or knowingly, corrupters by condoning bad laws?

If theatres, railroads, newspapers -- (whose compositors must set type anyway even if suitable mats are provided), are forced to employ unneeded men, is this corruption?

Suppose I owned an acre of land at #1 Wall Street, N.Y.C. Suppose I could lease it for \$1-million a year, with rent increases with inflation, all taxes paid by leases, and improvements to my heirs at the end of a 999 year lease? I and my descendants will be able to take food, clothing, shelter, luxuries and cultural values out of the system with no need to produce anything at all. Is this corruption? Is this "featherbedding"? Is this not really the greatest sin? By comparison are not all other forms very mild indeed?

And, because RENT-of-land is lost to those who create it, endless taxes, multiplying and compounding, are imposed at all levels of government, in all states; a vast demoralizing source of temptation to lie and cheat -- a cesspool of corruption. If morals fracture here, what may they be like at other points? And the answer at this point so direct, so very effective and moral -- collect the publicly created RENT-of-land, abolish taxes as quickly and completely as possible. Are we really too busy to work at such a key point of good? Or, could it be we just don't care--that we, too, are corrupt?

In a Yale experiment on creativity, the individual problem-solvers came off ahead of the committees, not only in number of ideas but also in original and good ideas. The important factor is not the size of the group of minds, but the size of the minds in the group. "Paul Smith-Creativity."

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A Graduation
Speaker With An Economic
And Moral Purpose

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ECONOMIC CATECHISM: * C. B. FIEBROWN

Q. How would the Single Tax increase wages? A. By gradually transferring to wages that portion of the current wealth that now flows to privilege. In other words, it would widen the channel of wages by enlarging opportunities for labor, and by increasing the purchasing power of nominal wages through reduction of prices. On the other hand, it would narrow the channel of privilege by making the man who has a privilege pay for it what it is worth.

Q. But what are "fair" prices and "fair" wages? A. Prices unenhanced by privilege, and wages undiminished by taxation.

Q. Why should land be singled out to bear the bulk of the burden of taxation?

A. Because in the private appropriation of the annual site value of land is found the bulk of privilege.

Q. In what other respects is land a better subject for taxation than anything else? A. Land has three generic peculiarities by which it differs radically from everything else: 1. It is that the site value of land is a creation of the community--a public or social value.

2. It is that no tax, new or old, on the site value of land can be recovered from the tenant or user by raising his rent.

3. It is that the selling value of land reduced as it is by the capitalized tax that is imposed upon it, is an untaxed value. Whatever lowers the income from land lowers proportionally its selling price, so that whether the established tax upon it has been light or heavy, it is no burden upon the new purchaser, who buys it at its net value and thus escapes all part in the tax burden which he should in justice share with those who now bear it all.

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