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PROGRAM EVENTS

Speaker: Dr. Mervin Koln

Instructor in Economics, Marketing and Management, Saint Louis University

Subject: The Value Of A Liberal Education

Extra Special

LAND - - and Space to Grow

New Schalkenbach Documentary Film - Twenty Minutes. Produced to interest people in making an inquiry into housing and other social and economic problems by a study of Progress and Poverty, Henry George's famous book. First shown at the Henry George Conference in Detroit, it proved deeply human and interesting - and exciting. A long talked of project now completed and being made available for use in many cities.

Coming Or Going

Knebel says: "The Senate votes to keep taxes on phone calls, wires and travel. Legislators' Slogan: If it moves, fine it for disturbing the peace. If it can't move, tax it for obstructing progress.

Does Our Tax System Qualify?

A Tax System Is Bad - -

"..which untaxes income based on special privilege and so enables them to have others support them and government, too.
"..which stimulates government bureaucrats to find more need for tax money and more places and people to tax.
"..which destroys the value of savings and makes security depend on government.
"..which makes it harder to win the cold war Communists wage against us, or a hot one if such should be our fate."

Is The Country Full of Foreigners?

We often hear: "Why don't they do something about it?" (our problems, of course). Just who is the "they" that should? Try the looking glass! The real American question is: "Why don't I (or we) do it?" This introduces the following from a letter of Ralph W. Gwinn, former Congressman, now with, "We, The People".

"If you will not fight for the right when you can easily win without bloodshed; if you will not fight when your victory will be sure and not too costly; you may come to the moment when you will have to fight all the odds against you and only a precarious chance of survival. There may be even a worse case: You may have to fight when there is no hope of victory, because it is better to perish than to live as SLAVES."

That Fabulous House and Home Article

From a great publisher of books;

"I want you to know that I received the copy of House & Home for August 1960, and I have read carefully that part of it dealing with the fantastic prices on land in suburban areas. I think this is the best argument for a land tax that I have ever read and I thank you for sending it to me."

Raymond Moley, in a column in Newsweek of Sept. 12, 1960, headed 'Mother of Monopoly' said:

"The unearned profits of land speculators have a vital relationship to the issues in this Presidential campaign -- housing, urban renewal, subsidies for developers of real estate, highway construction, and even subsidies to farmers.

"But the platforms of both parties ignore this essential truth. Congress has ignored it or does not realize it. And the vast projects now advocated to control urban decay and aid the needy merely accelerate this exploitation of the many for the few.

"It is time to speak out on this subject. And fortunately there has appeared a major article in House & Home which does just that. It is richly documented with facts about our cities and suburbs and amply illustrated. Two notable land economists worked on it, and it was brilliantly edited and rewritten by the Editor of the magazine, P.I. Prentice.
"The basic evil involved is that the tax and assessment laws and practices regard land as an unimportant source of revenue and put the burden on those who improve the land."

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About the House & Home Article....

It's terrific....

One of our graduates bought 50 copies. He's in the Building Trades.... says this has aroused interest.... real interest. Some headings....

"...but the homebuilders vote 4 to 1 that LAND is the most critical problem..." "Inflated land costs threaten to price good housing clear out of the market." "Since 1950 land prices for homebuilding have soared anywhere 10% to 3,760%." "Land prices like these are your danger signal; take a look at this graph before you buy today."

"Most of the land shortage talk you hear is nonsense; here are 7 big reasons why." "And there are photos with this caption and descriptive statements: 'Where is plenty of land around Chicago... and Washington... Texas... Florida... St. Louis... Baltimore... Sacramento... Boston... Los Angeles... Louisville...' Then we read: 'There is nothing wrong with the airviews-but there is plenty wrong with what they show.'"

Get a copy... and lend it out; it is very impressive.

Copies with cover: 1-50¢; 2-41.00¢; 12-45¢. 25-410.00 postpaid. Order from our local world, not wickedness; and not men." Henry George School.

Robert Clancy, Director, HGS, N.Y.C.:

says, re: doing something with grads-- "But first I think it should be said that we are not turning automobiles off the assembly line, like we saw at the Ford Plant in Detroit -- machines that need to be driven to get anywhere. We are teaching self-moving human beings. We have reasons to hope that our teachings are making enough of an impression on enough of them, so that the influence will be carried into the world. Each individual is responsible for what he does. Nobody--not even us Georgist crusaders--can assume the responsibility for the actions of others. We can only teach what we think is right to the world, and let the world decide whether to accept it or not."

(Still, all hope for more fox-hole fighters - man to man teachers - who learn HOW TO and HOW NOT TO-quickly)

Oil for the lamps of Economic Learning Yes, we do need funds. If you have not made that contribution you intended to make - it will be - -

Most Welcome Now.

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What Corrupts Politics?

"Oh, I could see", he said "that you did not know what it was that corrupted politics. First you thought it was bad politicians, who turned out to be pretty good fellows. Then you blamed the bad business men who bribed the good fellows till you discovered that not all business men bribed and that those who did were pretty good business men. The little business men didn't bribe, so you settled upon, you invented, the phrase "big business" and that's as far as you, and your kind have got; that it is big business, that does all the harm. Hello! Can't you see that it's privileged business that does it. Whether it's a big steam railroad that wants a franchise, or a little gambling-house that wants not to be raided, a temperance society that wants a law passed, a poor little prostitute, or a big merchant occupying an alley for storage -- It's those who seek privileges who corrupt, it's those who possess privileges that defend our corrupt politics. Can't you see that? "It is privilege that causes evil in the world, not wickedness; and not men." From Autobiography of Lincoln Steffens

--courtesy L. Leo Greenwald.

Economic Catechism - C.B. Filebrown--

--concluded.

Q. How could the single tax be put into operation? A. By gradually transferring to land all taxes not already on it.

Q. How might such a plan be worked out?

A. If fifty cents per thousand should be deducted yearly for thirty years from the rate on all property other than land, the reduction would finally amount to \$15 per thousand, and it would then be practically exempt from all taxation.

(Note: The data is out of date; but it could be worked out, when the will to do it is developed. Mr. Filebrown wrote his book in 1913. Being basic, much of it is valid today. We hope you enjoyed "Economic Catechism".)

Cure For Blight

Others, notably the magazine House & Home, urge a sweeping overhaul of a tax structure which, in effect stimulates land speculation and encourages the spread of blight. Lacking such reforms, the knowledgeable publication says flatly, urban renewal can get nowhere.

Barron's - National Business and Financial Weekly-8/29/60.

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