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THE CAUSE OF BUSINESS DEPRESSION

Henry George, 1894

A business depression is a lessening of rapidity and volume of exchanges by which commodities pass into the hands of consumers. This is not due to any scarcity of things which manufacturers produce, nor to any lessening of desire in consumers for them. It is not due to difficulty in exchange (tariffs or money) but to a decreased ability to pay for them. It means a lessening of ability to convert labor into exchangeable forms. Always with it is a scarcity of employment. Scarcity of employment comes first. Clearly, it is the effective demand for consumption that determines where labor goes -- not the supply of commodities that determines demand.

What is employment? I employ a man to black my boots. I give him a coin which he spends for food, shelter, etc. I employ him and he employs me to serve him food...A human being can live only by three ways -- by working, by begging and by stealing. Behind all three, human labor provides all the wants of life as truly in a complex civilization as in the Garden of Eden. Despite our millions of machines, we live as the first man did, by applying labor to land.

Land is the source of all employment --the natural element indispensable to all work. Given the willingness to work, there never can be scarcity of employment so long as labor can obtain access to land. In city, country, mining or farming section, how far to find land that labor is anxious to use? but from which labor is barred by high prices and monopoly of land.

Clearly, the cause of unemployment -- business depression -- is exclusion of labor from land via high prices demanded for land.

In the heart of New York City are ree vacant lots. For permission to

LET'S STOP INFLATION

Humankind's great need is an ethical and just economy. Sound plans to eliminate monopolies of land, money and government, are essential. We invite study and participation in accompanying discussions.--Editors.

use the smallest in 1897, the owner refused a rental of \$40,000. Labor is shut out from land and it wastes. Let the whole earth be held, and rent refused, and who of its teeming millions could find employment? These causes and effects are fully examined in my book, Progress and Poverty.

Idle land means idle hands; they mean the lessening of purchasing power of a great body of customers. That brings depression to all business. Every period of land speculation in our history has been followed by depression in the economy. And without a remedy, it will always be so. Charity can do little to alleviate suffering. It cannot cure a depression. There is but one cure. That rests on the community-use of community-created value in land sites.

When communities collect the community values in land, - when they spend it on the costs of streets, sewers, watermains, schools and libraries - the community is taking the ground-rent for community services. This would be ample -- taxes could be eliminated. Homes, buildings, factories, equipment, and wages could all be exempted from taxation.

Such use of land-rent, and elimination of taxes, would make land speculation and land monopoly impossible. At the same time it would open to labor the access to land -- on which to produce, and from which to distribute wealth. This would increase production and increase wages. The idea of anyone wanting work and suffering for want of things would be as preposterous on earth as it must be in heaven.

AN HONEST MONEY SYSTEM WOULD STOP INFLATION

Don Werkheiser

A rural village has no money. All trade is by barter. A farmer comes to town and deposits ten bushels of corn with a man who has a storeroom. This operator gives the farmer ten receipts, each redeemable in a bushel of corn. But the farmer asks for receipts in smaller denominations. The storekeeper gives him forty receipts for forty pecks. The farmer trades ten of these corn-receipts for other products; they are each accepted at the value of a peck of corn. That acceptance constitutes the issue of corn-notes as money.

Such receipts are generalized credit instruments. They refer to stored corn, but not to any specific peck of corn. When the seller wants a peck of corn, a receipt is redeemed. Otherwise it is spent again, and ownership of a peck of corn is conveyed to the next seller. The next day the farmer returns to town and spends ten corn-notes (one peck of corn in value) for his wife's birthday present. Now the farmer has doubled the money supply in circulation, but there is no inflation; there's redeemable goods back of them.

What then is inflation? We must understand "money" and the storekeeper's actions.

The storeroom owner noticed that the corn-notes were accepted in trade. So he made forty more "peck-receipts" looking just like "corn-receipts" and then he spent them into circulation. That is inflation -- counterfeit receipts passed as valid receipts. Assume that the counterfeit-receipts were accepted at face value. In that case, the counterfeiter effected a robbery of commodities equal in value to forty pecks

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of corn, while those who accepted them received receipts which measured the extent to which they had been robbed. So long as confidence lasts, the game would continue and receipts could be spent. New sellers would be holding empty receipts. The game would collapse when all the corn in the warehouse was redeemed, and holders of 40 counterfeit receipts found no one who would take them in trade.

Worse could happen if the counterfeiter had the skills of a politician.

If, when confronted by angry holders of his counterfeit receipts, he declared himself a benefactor of the community-- and showed that the original issue by the farmer was too limited, and that his own issue stimulated industry and trade. He would not mention that the farmer's issue was redeemable, while his own was not. He noted that most people did not want corn; they wanted a medium of trade that they could use to speed up trade. More to come.

They were told: "If the game stopped then, the holders would be losers, but if they continued, they could all buy what they wanted. In fact, if they elected him mayor, he would declare pseudo-corn-notes to be legal tender, and he'd also begin a program of public works. Soon everyone would be rich." An ignorant public agreed.

Elected mayor, the counterfeiter issued another stock of corn-notes (called "pecks") and declared them to be worth a peck of corn in the market (but not anywhere redeemable.) On each note was a picture of a peck-basket, but what it contained was not specified. Just a peck of value.

The "pecks" circulated, and trade increased. Then a strange thing happened. The mayor and his agents could outbid everybody for produce and ser-

vices. They also controlled the printing presses for printing "pecks". Prizes were bid up on the things the Mayor's group approved. Workers and business men migrated into those industries for wages and profit. The stock of other things became short. Everyone couldn't buy what they wanted. People threatened to recall the Mayor if he didn't improve things. So he issued more "pecks", and then more and more.

The more money the people had, the less they could buy. Only the Mayor and his friends had enough -- rather too much -- money. They gave expensive parties, bought votes, hired police and soldiers. And gave everyone a vested interest in continuing the game, through welfare, social security, profitable contracts and "peck-funded" jobs.

Confusion resulted. It is evident that there's two kinds of money: honest redeemable money and inflatable unredeemable money. These keep our economy teetering between "prosperity" and "depression". Have we any proof that those in charge of our money system intend to create an honest system? That would break their power. A sound alternative is for people to operate their own money system. American and world history have produced workable patterns. Some are underway today.

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STOP INFLATION

Progress and Poverty, Henry George	\$5.00
The Community Land Trust, Swann and Borsodi	5.00
Land Trust Guidelines, Hope Taylor	5.00
The Constant Currency - Chapter in M.J.L's Alternative Americas	
The Constant Currency, R. Borsodi to be published	
Other People's Money, L. D. Brandeis	
People Issuing Their Money - D. Werkheiser, future G.R.	

"Solving the 'land problem' is the beginning of solving all social, economic and political problems."-- Ralph Borsodi, in Seventeen Major Problems of Living.

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at School of Living building, 9 mi. n.e. of York, Pa. Using Friendly Shared Powers Mildred Loomis will guide training in communication and local action. Fee \$1; book \$5. Please bring lunch

Sun. March 21-10 A.M. to 4 P. at

Henry George School, 5 E 44, NYC. SoL and Earth Day to plan action to free land to free people. \$5-person

Sat. March 27, 1 P.M.-7 P.M. at

SoL Bldg., Deep Run Farm. Annual SoL Membership Mtg. What Role for SoL in Modern America?

Mini-Debates:

Decentralism is Passes--Avant Garde
There is (is not) Enough Land.

College Should (Should Not) Teach
17 Problems of Living

Planting Tree for Earth Day

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Sun. March 28-10 A.M. School of Living Board Meeting

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- Series on country life by Milton Wend and Ken Kern.

TOWARD A HUMAN ECONOMY FOR GLOBAL PEACE

1982 Monthly Seminars at the
School of Living, York, Pa.

On the first Saturday of each month, concerned persons will find an informal, serious seminar in progress (10 AM - 4:30 PM) at the School's headquarters, Deep Run Farm, 9 mi. N.E. of York, off Druck Valley and Range Roads.

Each month's seminar will explore the principles and practices of a different, specific problem. 1982 seminars will cover the School's unique approach (from 1934 to present) to modern society, via specific analysis of an suggested solutions for humankind's MAJOR AND UNIVERSAL PROBLEMS OF LIVING.

Listed below are each month's topic and invited leader. The first hour of each seminar will be devoted to (1) steps in group-process insuring good communication, and (2) brief orientation in School of Living - What is it? Why does it assume that solutions to 17 universal problems is essential to a human culture?

Cost \$10.00 per person, please bring your own lunch. For more information, contact Mildred J. Loomis, Dir. of Ed., School of Living, Box 388 RD7, York, PA 17402, (717) 755-2666.

Mar. 6—Decentralism; Organizational Problem. Is it an out-moded or avant garde cultural trend? Seven types of Centralism and their decentralist alternatives. Contributions and lack of historical and current decentralist leaders. Clear Marks, author of Friendly Shared Powers.

Apr. 6—Agriculture and Technology; The Occupational Problem. Ralph Borsodi's analysis since 1928 of the homestead, the family farm, and agri-business. Borsodi's Law of Distribution. Building a compost heap: organic vs. chemical fertilizers.

Paul Keiser, Manager of Organic Farming, Deep Run Farm.

May 1—The Nature of Man. The Anthropic Problem. What are characteristics of a human lifestyle? Are there valid tests or norms for this? Is it ok to live the way one "likes"? Who determines your lifestyle? Mildred J. Loomis

June 3—Land Ownership. The Possessional Problem No. 1. How does land ownership affect: 1-the economy, 2-unemployment, 3-your chances for a job? Is there enough land to go around? What is the law of rent? Who is Henry George? List his recommendations. Explain Community Land Trust. Defend or refute: 'The solution of all social problems begins in solving the land problem.' -- Ralph Borsodi. Mark Sullivan, Sec. of Georgist Organizations, NYC.

July 5—Celebrate Liberty. The Political Problem. What makes government different from any other group you belong to? What service or act of government affects you most? Is it a positive or negative influence? Who pays for it? In what types of situations do you think government should be used? Carl Hess, author of Dear America, book reviewer for Reason magazine.

Aug. 7—Do You Have Enough Money? The Possessional Problem, No. 2. Does everyone have enough money? Is there too much money in circulation? How does money come into existence: honest money vs. irredeemable money. Defend J.M. Keynes' money policy, Borsodi's Constant Currency, Gesell's Demurrage Money. Donald Werkheiser, economic theorist.

Sept. 3—Developing Wisdom. The Educational Problem. Which is more important, adult or childrens' education? Outline Borsodi's 17 Problems of Living. Are you glad public schools and colleges open this month? Explore John Holt's Growing without Schools. Review Don Hopkins' Out of Public Schools in Dec. Green Revolution. What is your best adult TV program? for children? Mildred J. Loomis, from Ralph Borsodi's Seventeen Problems of Living.

Oct. 2—Are You Well? The Health Problem. How live a long life in maximum well-being? Rate America's health level--good, low or middle? What are statistics on incidence of cancer, heart attack, and TB? What are psychological, emotional bases for health? What are adequate solutions to "dis-ease"? Paul Keene, owner of Walnut Acres organic farm, with Dr. Tom Abel (see Nov. seminar).

I would like to attend the following seminar(s): circle choices

Mar./Decentralism	Apr./Agri. & Tech.	May/Nature of Man	
June/Land	July/Liberty	Aug./Money	Sept./Education
Nov./Family & Community	Dec./Borsodi & School of Living		

Please reserve a place for _____ persons @ \$10.00 each. Enclosed is \$_____. Send me the advance program(s) and reading list(s) for the seminar(s) circled.

1. School of Living in New Film. - Released Feb. 1, 1982 by Pacific St. Film Projects (22 First St. Brooklyn) a film examines the development of anarchist philosophy in America, and dispells misconceptions about the "no-rule" direction of "politics". It highlights the work of Lysander Spooner and Benjamin Tucker; includes S. o L, reporting of these in Balanced Living.

2. Sundara Cooperatives, Box F, Eckerd College, St. Pete., Fla. 33733. David Peltier sends their material to foster growth of cooperative communities and community land trusts in U.S.

3. Wanted: 40 acres in N.W. We'd like farm land with plenty of timber for a homestead. - J. Niswonger, Box 805, Crestline, Ca. 92325.

4. Persons Active in Ozarkia. The following have written S. o L.:

Joe Pinter, Rt 1 Bx 183, Morrilton, AR 72110; 100 a. for solar-org. farming, with coop.-community land.

Rodney Peterson, Interaction Books Heber, Ark. 72543

Coralie Cogwell, Ecocenter, Fayetteville, Ark.

Ozrak Press, Bx 478, Springfield, Mo. 65804

Paul Cover, R. 1 Bx 28, So. Coffeyville, Okla 74072

Joel Davidson, Pettigre, Ark 72752 consults on solar technology.

5. Wholistic Economics. "Send material on an honest money system. We won't have world peace until we create a fair-just economy." Jean Page, Box 214834, Sacramento, 95821

6. Needed at S.o.L.-Deep Run Farm: Person who want to learn-share gardening and preserving food; study-share monthly workshops on major problems; produce Green Revolution and complete dwelling. Tuition and learning in exchange for work. Write S.o.L. Ed. Dept. RD 7 Box 288, York, Pa. 17402

7. Appreciate Henry George. "What a moving story and fascinating biography in the 24-page pamphlet you put together on Henry George, Citizen of the World. Send one to Pres. Reagan and 10 copies to me."--Tom Greco, bRochester, N.Y.

8. It's A Text. "My students enjoy your biography of Henry George in their course, American Issues. "-S. Ford, Uni. Pa.

9. Rotting Roots. "Much of our misery and weakness dervies from having broken with the soil. We've allowed the roots that bound us to the earth to rot."--vanPassen, c 1890.

10. Rain Reviews "Decentralism". - Your fascinating book on Decentralism is being used around here. Hope you noted our review in Nov. 1981. The material you sent on Borsodi will help us plan an issue on land-policy." --Editor.

11. Cornucopia--Economy of Producing at Home. You know, and I know the successess, difficulties and savings in money for food, from an urban or homestead garden. Now Pres. Reagan is going to "know" it. Robert Rodale, editor Organic Gardening, has presented the records and statistics in a Cornucopia-Survey, to the president and his staff. (43 years ago, when Robert Rodale was 8, he and his father J. I. Rodale interviewed Ralph Borsodi at Suffern NY S o L about these important matters, in order to launch their journals which now re-educate millions. Cheers for Cornucopia! MJL)

SCHOOL OF LIVING BOOK LIST

This Ugly Civilization,

Ralph Borsodi \$15.00

Alternative Americas

Mildred J Loomis 6.95

Henry George, Citizen

pamphlet 1.00

Readings in Wider Social Change

pamphlet 1.00

The Land Trust, Smithsonian

reprint .50

Decentralist Book list

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12. Farming at S. o L. Paul Keiser, of Phila. Food Coop., will join S.o.L. Farm in April to direct organic production on community acres. He's also interested in administering records, bookkeeping and GR. His article on A Stable Economy appears next issue.

NEW-AGE CONFERENCE SPEECHES AND PLANS-----GAINESVILLE, FLA

For decentralists, that new-age world includes power and action in the people. On Dec. 12, 1981, fifty north Floridians heard ten speakers, and formulated plan. Condensations of the speeches are \$1.00 each singly; a packet of 10 speeches for \$7.50 from Education Committee, School of Living, RD 7, York, Pa. 17402.

1. In a brilliant doom-and-gloom speech, Chm. Carter Henderson highlights the problems which are breaking the U. S. economy, inviting solutions from speakers and audience.

2. Dr. Gordon Streib, gerontologist of Uni. of Florida, describes private, cooperative housing for 8 to 10 persons over 65; practical, not costly, popular.

3. Norma Vierck, professor's wife, shares the cost and fun of gardening and raising goats and chickens on an 8A. homestead, which she wouldn't leave for city living.

4. Clear Marks' 25-years research in Friendly Shared Powers (\$6.00) outline tactics for improved diagnosis and healing strategies for direct action of small groups.

5. For a life of quality over one of quantity consider with Dr. Richard Kellaway, Sarasota Unitarian minister, "When will all be well with you?"

6. Follow the daily schedule of Scot and Gloria Davis as they simplify life "Creating Our Own Income without Jobs."

7. If you're young, or wish you were, enjoy Mickey Singer sifting out significant things to do in "Harmony in The Midst of Radical Change."

8. If you're old, or sure you will be, check Mildred Loomis' "Reflections On a Life-time of Decentralism". Captured her 82-year old enthusiasm in 8 pages.

9. Dr. David Felder caps the conference describing the 7-yr.-old Miccusukee Land Cooperative Community near Tallahassee. Dr. Felder puts it all in his new book, The Best Place to Live--In a Loving Land Community.

10. What of the future? Young Gaylon Currie of Jacksonville says these strategies must continue, in "Ten Steps for A Decentralist Alliance in Northern Florida."

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