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CITIZEN COBURN

VERSUS THE INFERNAL REVENUE BUREAU

"If we abolish the 16th [income tax] Amendment, some people will say, 'How are we going to pay the expenses of the Government?' To hell with that! I want to know how I am going to pay my own expenses."

This challenge was thrown down by movie actor Charles Coburn in a talk to the Hinsdale (Illinois) Chamber of Commerce, reported in Time, July 5, 1954. Acting in a nearby summer theatre production of "You Can't Take It With You," Coburn "lamented," said Time, "that he cannot even keep it while he is alive."

Over and over again have students of political economy heard the question, "How could the enormous needs of modern government be met by the taxation of land values only? How could government continue on its present grand scale if it did not take the earnings of labor and capital too?"

Mr. Coburn's straight-from-the-shoulder reply, ornamented with the profanity that springs from a long-suppressed feeling of injustice, is a refreshingly direct answer to the old question. After all, who comes first, the servant or the master? —R.T.

CONFERENCES ON THE SCHOOL'S PROGRAM OF GRADUATE ACTIVITIES FOR THE SIXTH YEAR

will be held at

NORTH OAKLAND RECR'N. CTR.
365 - 45th St., Oakland
THURS., AUG. 26--8:00 P.M.

and at

MANNING'S CAFETERIA
658 Market St., Second Fl.
FRIDAY, AUG. 27--6:30 P.M.

Bring your ideas and help plan a series of meetings that will be of maximum interest to all friends of the School.

DIXIE WOOD TO OPEN DENVER EXTENSION

A new extension of the Henry George School will be opened in Denver, Colorado, on January 1, 1955 by Mrs. Dixie Wood, member of the East Bay faculty and chairman of the sixth year fund campaign. Denver (population 700,000) will be the third city in which School extensions have been opened since the Bay Area extension began in 1949. Mrs. Wood will serve as East Bay Director here until leaving for Denver.

WATCHES IN WONDERLAND

On July 27 President Eisenhower authorized increases up to 50 per cent in the tariff on imported watches.

But here is a consoling advertisement translated from a Swiss newspaper of June 18 by School graduate Ernst Jann:

"California raisins — 25 oz. for 23 cents...our Swiss housewives are able to buy the delicious blue raisins cheaper than their American colleagues in California... The American government gives liberal export premiums..."

You will pay more for a watch, but the hidden tax will help Uncle Sam get the revenue needed to raise the price you pay for raisins.

PLEASE WRITE Mayor Elmer E. Robinson at the City Hall and ask him to proclaim September 2 "Henry George Day" again this year. This 115th birthday of the author of "Progress and Poverty" will be commemorated by a special program at the "Y."

FUND CAMPAIGN PROGRESSES

The sixth year fund campaign has resulted so far in 135 pledges totalling \$2483.05 (an average of \$18.40) reports campaign chairman Dixie Wood.

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