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The Grand Plan Concept:

1. Plans should be on a grand and ambitious scale without regard to finance presently available. Little plans are totally inadequate in view of political trends throughout the world which are destroying national economies at a much faster rate than the progress we Georgists are making in the direction of good government. In other words, we should not engage in a losing battle without prospects of success.

Little plans have no power to stir the emotion and imagination of mankind. We need a crusade based on righteous indignation kindled against what is wrong, with a burning desire and dedication to implant what is good and right - A crusade for justice, before it is too late. Even the word is rapidly losing its impact under socialist bureaucracy being supplanted by the doctrine of hand outs unrelated to effort or entitlements.

Funds can be raised for a specific objective but not just to swell the general coffers which prospective donors fear might be expended wastefully or in support of a lost cause.

International Identification

2. The Georgist movement needs World wide identification, unification and co-ordinated direction, accordingly it is proposed that an International Secretariat should be set up as the spearhead of a united movement to embrace and give direction to the fragmented and ineffective efforts of the few remaining dedicated people throughout the world, who don't know how to give up, but nevertheless have tended to develop a complex based on hopelessness and the certainty of failure - yes even a subconscious complex of martyrdom.

Draft Manifesto with explanatory notes

3. The new organisation should be based on a declaration of faith - a Manifesto, in which the minor differences which disunite us are resolved to the extent possible, or otherwise set aside in favour of the grand concept. There are certain fundamental issues in respect of which failure to agree would cause a major and disastrous cleavage. Just such an issue is the subject of taxation. Are we land taxers or a movement which would collect community created site rent for revenue, condemning taxation in all its aspects as robbery and a violation of freedom?

The draft of a proposed Manifesto is attached hereto.  
Name of the New Organisation

4. The name of the new organisation should be Georgist International. We use the word Georgist or Georgists in describing ourselves, our faith and the various branches of our movement to a greater extent than any other title. Let us be known as we know ourselves. We should never be ashamed to be identified with our leader and founder. Henry George did make some mistakes and there are some inconsistencies in his writings, but none of such conflict with vital principles upon

which we are generally agreed. Moreover he made fewer mistakes than any other economist known from the beginning of time or the germination of mens' thinking upon the subject of political economy. He welded the ideas of others and with the observation of invariable phenomena in human relations, into a science that has withstood challenge for a century. The name of Henry George also is a necessary link to keep the movement clean and free from the real risks of infiltration and adulteration.

#### International Journal

5. A newspaper featuring world news and our interpretation of such, should be published monthly and circulated by stationers and newspaper vendors throughout the world and not along the lines of most of our existing Journals which, in the main, reach only the converted.

The name of the Journal should be "Georgist International." It must be produced by experienced editorial and journalistic staff.

If the Christian Scientists and others can do it, we can do it also.

#### Secretarial Functions

6. The function of the Secretariat should be :

- I. To organise periodical conferences with provision for constant review of organisational policies and with funds available to implement resolutions.
- II To organise the establishment of schools and colleges and to liaise with other institutions of learning.
- III To organise and set the pattern of research into national budgets, separating expenses into the functions and non functions of government and to undertake all forms of statistical research to support a virile propaganda movement.
- IV To teach the principles of rent valuations, to produce and assist with the publication of rent value maps and other practical aids to the collection of rent for revenue.
- V To undertake research on marginal problems involving equity in natural resources not readily capable of being reflected in economic rent, such as oil exploration, mining, afforestation, fisheries, control of radio frequencies/air channels of communication etc.
- VI To devise policies for the regulation of monopoly aspects of the media, ensuring freedom and equal rights of expression, including visual, written and verbal methods.
- VII To examine all aspects of propaganda, the use of popular slogans, the value of constant repetition and psychological reactions generally.
- VIII To arrange liaison and affiliation with Georgist organisations throughout the world and to ensure a constant flow of "feed back" information.
- IX To organise an international fund raising division to promote bequests, donations, subscriptions, deal with investments and business matters generally.

### Secretarial Functions

6. X TO deal with the publication and distribution of Georgist books and literature, cataloguing and classifying.
7. Democratic Base  
The Georgist movement must be involved in political systems ensuring the equal exercise and effective value of voting.
8. Political Involvement  
Subject to success, the Georgist movement must become politically oriented and train candidates for Parliament and assist with campaign expenses.
9. Selective Concentration of Effort  
The movement must have an Advisory Council, constantly making international researches and recommending countries that are ripe for concentrated effort. To spear-head the concentration of Georgist resources in particular countries for a short period could achieve success not possible from the wider and limited spread of financial resources.
- Success in one country could be an example that would produce statistics infinitely more valuable than our forecast statements, no matter how accurate these might be.

### The Functions of Government

10. ~~It should~~ be recognised that in this world of unbalanced budgets, fiduciary credit and inflation, the Georgist movement can not ignore the monetary situation and government control of banking policies. Although not generally recognised, we are involved as Georgists because we must make decisions regarding the functions of government.
- Banking is not a necessary monopoly. It involves the facilitating of exchanges between traders, co-ordinating the functions of borrowing and lending with and without the use of negotiable instruments that will retain a constant value.
- We Georgists and we alone know how private banking institutions can function competitively without funds entrusted to them being at risk, and we should know that the issue of currency can not be entrusted to politicians and governments which have no legal responsibilities that would ensure honest dealing.

### CONCLUSION

#### An Exposure of Wickedness

1. We must expose in the strongest terms the wickedness and murderous result of the private ownership of site rent and in some instances of land itself, which in turn controls the means of subsistence of the starving millions of the third world, the colossal and futile expenditure on armaments under present conditions; we must demonstrate how, with common ownership of rent and restoration of healthy trading relations between the nations, world peace and prosperity can, so painlessly be accomplished.
- Those who support land monopoly with resulting unemployment, poverty, frustrated living and consequent misery, must be branded as guilty men wherever they may be found, under what banner their undercover operations are cloaked or with what titles they may be decorated.

The New Organisation

2. Such men as Fred Harrison, Harry Polard, Robert Andelson, who excel in their respective spheres of teaching, journalism and platform oratory, and many brilliant young people whose names it would be invidious to mention, must be engaged as permanent staff in the new movement, with full financial support for their undoubted talents instead of battling under insuperable odds which call for sacrifices the rank and file of Georgists are not prepared or are unable to make.

Trained specialists in their respective fields must also be engaged to support our own people, particularly in the use of the media and to establish effective public relations.

All this is possible in our time, given the will and determination to win and above all the business expertise to promote.

Computerised Progress

3. We must begin the preparation of documentation suitable for the programming of a computer and ultimately for the use of cable television. Such aids will enable us to keep in efficient communication with kindred Georgist bodies throughout the world.

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