

OUTLINE OF QUO VADIS GEORGISM BY GEORGE HARDY (4/12/80)

Why have we failed to capture the anti-establishment people eager to embrace new ideals, philosophies & economic solutions?

- 1 - we have lost our credibility by wasting limited resources on wild claims based on $\frac{1}{2}$ of George's philosophy.
- 2 - we have not prepared legislative & budgetary proposals which are clearly relevant to socio-economic improvements and which are politically acceptable (instead we promote undupportable proposals and preadh to the converted).

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I. GEORGISM IS EQUAL RIGHTS TO ALL - SPECIAL PRIVILEGES TO NONE

Georgism aims to eliminate or collect the benefits of all privileges as the basis of social justice & govt. revenue - not only that of land monopoly.

- ignored by many Georgists.
- cites how he dealt w. the various monopolies in his writings.
- we have been rejected by claiming land monopoly is the one & only cause of all economic ills, and that the collection of economic rent is the only needed solution.

II. INCONSISTENCY & DOGMATISM DAMAGE OUR CREDIBILITY

All other influences being equal, LVT promotes building; but other influences are not equal; most people know this while we claim that LVT is always the major influence (thus we lose credibility).

- we should attack all special privileges that inhibit building and all other forms of free exchange.
- collection of economic rent AND free exchange of individual's goods & services are the TWO basic Georgist policies.

III. A CONSTRUCTIVE GEORGIST PROGRAM

A. Main Task: to provide proof of how our principles work in practice.

- include royalties, licence fees, etc. with land rent to determine the revenue to be realized.
- unless we define "justified" govt. functions, we cannot claim that land rent will or "must be sufficient" to finance govt.
- in case rent is not sufficient: we must make alternative proposals to eliminate or reduce some govt. activities, or finance them on a fee for services. subscription, or insurance premium basis.
- establish the principle: Govt. is "entitled" only to a clearly defined amount of revenue.

B. Secondary Task: to have our proposals accepted.

- quotes various Georgists, all in disagreement as to how.
- publicity and P.R. are vital to spread the word.
- appeal to special interest groups.
- use language of non-Georgists.
- energy spent on diversified efforts insteas of internal paralysis.