

THE NAME OF OUR UNION

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At the General Meeting of the International Union for Land Value Taxation and Free Trade, held at the Villiers Hotel Douglas Isle of Man on Friday 14th September 1973 at 4.30 p.m.

a resolution was accepted to institute a committee to advise on the name of the Union, the task of the committee to be as follows:

'Propose - if advisable - a new name for our Union to be voted on at the next (14th) International Conference of the International Union for Land-Value Taxation and Free Trade.

The following were appointed to this committee to examine the change of name:

J.J.Pot, Holland; S.Sevenster, Holland; Ashley Mitchell, England; W.Costerus, Holland; W.Pitt, Australia; V.H.Blundell, (ex officio), England.

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To those who wrote a letter to me on that long, long name of our union.

Dear friends,

Up to date, one year after our conference on the Isle of Man, I gathered 38 new names for our union! Three members wrote to me that they prefer to keep our name unaltered.

It is obvious that we do not agree. At least, the ultimate result has been that Luke Bentley wrote to me 'more about that name': "The name which an organisation bears should reveal the type of activity at which that organisation excels, if titles are to be other than camouflage. I therefore recommend that the name be: 'The International Rest and Discussion Group for Elderly Persons.'"

Nevertheless - the merit of this exercise has been that we thought it over.

Three years ago we've had a similar discussion on a name for our new foundation in Holland. But every proposal was reasoned away and we didn't agree either.

The question is that every existing word has several meanings and often is worn and torn and mis-used in daily speech. For this reason we cannot hope to find a new name on which all of us can agree.

For our Foundation in Holland we turned the other way round.

We have tailored a new word that is not yet in the dictionary. Presenting this brand new word, nobody knows the meaning and we are obliged to explain and fill in what we think fit. No historical misunderstanding, no worn and torn signification, no faulty or mis-use of the meaning of an existing word.

In the case of our Foundation in Holland we ended up with the name 'Grondvest', and it is already becoming an understanding. This new tailored word is compounded of 'Grond' = Land, and 'Vest', that is part of the word 'Handvest' = Charter. May be you can translate 'Stichting Grondvest' with 'Land Charter Foundation'. May be you prefer Land Trust Foundation or: Land Covenant Foundation. And so we come to the idea to make a quibble of it. May I present to you the first proposition:

1. Coveland Foundation.

More propositions are eagerly invited, as well as comments on the idea itself. Ask your friends in the realm of advertising! I'll wait another year for your suggestions; than there is only one year left for preparing an advise for a new name for the next conference of our union with that long, long name.

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Note !

Please be aware that there is more in the world than the one-way road of taxation and taxshift. Be aware that outside the anglosaxian realm there doesn't even exist a property tax like you are accustomed to. Don't cut off the possibility of another way - as there is instead the way along the lease system, f.i. as Syd Chilchrist put it: 'we should strongly advocate BOTH rent collection AND site taxation, and NEVER suggest that either one is wrong.'

Remember that our union aims to be 'INTERNATIONAL' !!

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ANSWERS ARE NEEDED

by

J.J.Pot. (Holland)

"Henry George tackled the problem of poverty.
He did solve it -- to the satisfaction of those who
have reasoned it out along with him -- but he did
not solve the problem of getting his solution
accepted by the world.

"We are a century later -- and tons of literature
and miles of speeches and thousands of heroic
efforts later -- and still not much further advanced
than when we started."

Robert Clancy. IUN 18

1. The Problem

"Georgelists used to say that if a tax were put on land values, its results would be so evident and so popular, that it would be steadily increased. This is just not true. Indeed, the reverse is the truth. The national land tax in New Zealand was designed to compel the break-up of large holdings, and in the successful accomplishment of this end it undoubtedly played a part; but as the smaller landholders multiplied, so did opposition to any extension of the tax. This experience was paralleled in Australia and in the irrigation districts of California. No one likes paying taxes and every land-tax payer becomes an opponent of the tax. In addition he has an added motive to oppose a land tax in particular, and I think this is important. A tax on land values reduces the value of a property by the amount of the tax capitalised. Conversely, any remission of the tax means an increase in the selling value of the property, i.e. a capital gain, and every landowner reaches out at some time for this glittering prize. This is the motive keeping alive the constant pressure to abandon land-value taxation in the municipal field. Land-value taxers, in their efforts to destroy the evils of private property in land, are fighting a continual battle which is never won, and for this reason I believe a further step is required to secure the gains made; and this step is the adoption of a system of leasehold tenure."

Dr. Rolland O'Regan:
'State Leaseholds - the Basis
for Land Reform.'
Paper presented at the 12th
International Conference LV/TFT,
Caswell Bay, England, 1968.

2. Analyses of the Canberra disaster

"Bidding for leases at auctions was not in sums for rentals but as unimproved capital values – the rental charge was then derived from taking five per cent of that capitalised figure."

A.R.Hutchinson,
Henry George League, Melbourne.

Well – as long as you advocate land-value taxation, people will continue to bid on land-values and so it's the name of the system that leads straight forward to disaster. As long as we speak of land-values, we keep on advertising an irresistible "glittering prize" before their eyes: this capital value will be yours in case of return to freehold! Many in our ranks say they are not greatly worried about terms, but I am very much worried about terms. It's the "Trojan Horse" terminology that caused our Canberra disaster and that caused these set-backs in New Zealand, Denmark and everywhere throughout the world – every time and again during the past century

3. Long Lease

In Holland and elsewhere there exists the term "long lease." Well then: in exactly the same way as that in which Henry George argued, that, as people are familiar with taxation, we will be understood if we propose a shift in taxation, I argue that where people are familiar with the long lease, they will readily understand me if I propose as an improvement to the conditions of the Hollander's long leases that these be perpetual, at full rental and adjusted annually.

In Holland Henry George is almost unknown. LVT is completely so. But I feel very happy that "long lease" is common parlance and already partly in operation in Amsterdam and other towns. With Holland's long leases, capital values are never mentioned. It would be truly disastrous were we to introduce the term "land value"!

The Name of our Union

What's in a name?

Our rose will smell as sweet, whatever wording we use to describe it. On the other hand: the right wording will help to prevent confusion. Let this vehicle be in first class condition. For example: if we tax land value (in the sense of land price), the value will diminish and disappear. So taxing land values in this context becomes self-defeating and does not make sense. As another example: we claim that a tax is a burden, yet we praise a tax on land values!

Land-Value TAXATION - is not a tax at all.

"We already take some rent in
taxation.

We have to take it all."

Henry George in
Progress and Poverty, p 405

How in the world can people ever have confidence in our proposals, if what we propose is to "take." We thereby brand ourselves as robbers! When exactly the reverse is the case. We do not propose to take from anyone, not even from the landowner. He has only to hand back what by dubious law he retains from us! What he retains is really ours and the government ought to collect it from him but fails to do so.

"If an individual pays to the community an income unearned by him, but earned by the community, how can taxation be involved at all? "To tax" means "to burden" according to the dictionary, and clearly no burden is involved when you give up something that isn't yours! If anything, land value is the opposite of a tax - it's more like a bonus or a free gift of the nature of communities." (Lanie Johnson, HGN April '68, p 14). Indeed, LVT isn't a tax, but on the contrary it's a bid. "It's the price one offers in the market." (Carver, IUN 4, p.14).

Land-VALUE Taxation - has nothing to do with value.

American jurist John Marshall
said: "The power to tax involves
the power to destroy."

Well then, who can avoid reasoning that consequently the taxation of land values is the power to destroy land values?

Taxation cannot alter the value of land - the value depends on physical and economic circumstances. Taxation merely reduces the price. Therefore Graham Hart called his essay: "Land Rent Revenue." That's right.

"Of course the phrase 'Land-Value Taxation' stultifies itself because it fully taxed (all rent being collected by government), it has no value left" (J.S. Thompson in a letter to me).

"Collection by governments of the full site rent will stop speculation and thus eliminate 'land value'" (The Association for Good Government in a letter to the I.U.).

"When discussing a Georgeist government, 'values' would never be mentioned, as it is a product of bad government." (Kimba League, IUN 3, p.5.).

And even Henry George wrote in The Standard of February 16, 1889 (IUN 3, p.9.): "Coming to perfection, land value will disappear and only rent will remain."

Of course these statements are subject to confusion about the meaning of the word "value." Clearly, the real value is unaffected by any interpretation whatsoever, but our yardstick to measure it, is money (price). And as soon as we tax away the whole rent, the word "value" will lead to tremendous confusion, so drop it.

LAND-Value Taxation has to do not with land alone, but with all gifts of nature. It's an academic nicety to explain what you mean by the term "land" in an economic sense; it means a whole lot more than "land" in common parlance.

LAND-VALUE TAXATION therefore is a misnomer. They are the wrong words for us to use. Almost a century of mis-interpretation and enemy-creation has stood in the way of our progress. For almost a century we have been muddled about the meaning of all sorts of terms. Yet the only thing we try to explain is that we consider it as a privilege if one occupies part of our heritage, our birthright, our land. And that we are prepared to consent to such a privilege to anyone upon the condition that he pay a duty for it to the treasury. In comparison with well known terms as stamp-duty, import-duty, etc. we may be better understood if we speak with the term LAND DUTY.

RENT

Do we aim to collect the site rent? Says the Association for Good Government: "revenue from site rent." But what is the meaning of rent? Is it something that can be calculated with economic formulas of Ricardo and the like? Let's be wise and admit: no! For rent is not a surplus, not a produce, not a percentage of something, or anything of the sort.

"Economic rent is a theoretical term - as such it can be neither assessed nor collected" (W.H.Pitt, HGN Oct. '67). "Rent payment comes long before the buildings are erected and in use" (A.R.Hutchinson, IUN 2, p.14.). Rent is agreed upon long before the oil drilling company counts the barrels really mined - so rent is a speculative bid.

In fact it is even worse. Maybe I offer the highest bid in the market for a lot that gives me a free outlook from the window of my living-room. Any calculation of a rent in this case will fail. So please avoid misunderstanding, avoid the term "rent."

ROYAL RENT says Nils C. Oesleby (HGN October '67, p.16.). Take it in the symbolic way: "Every acre belonged to the King, which was the medieval way of saying that all land belonged to the public domain. It was public or 'royal' property, 'real estate'." Perhaps the term "royal" will be appreciated too literally. "I do not find the term 'royal rent' acceptable, because it sounds too much like crown lands," (J.S. Thompson).

Is land rent a form of royalty?

"Royalty" is an accepted term, in common use for oil-royalties and the like. It is an amount of money one is willing to pay to the community who grants him the permission to make use of a natural (or community created) bounty. We have to extend the royalty idea to all gifts of nature, land included.

In contrast with the terms "site" and "rent", the term "royalty" is quite international, understood outside the English-speaking countries. Don't underestimate this advantage.

UNION

A union is a specific, a group of members. A "movement" is more like a move, flooding the world. Therefore I propose the term "International Movement," or our "union" should be named:

WORLD MOVEMENT for REVENUE from ROYALTIES.

Collecting royalties is the ultimate result of our principle. But it is not our principle itself. It's the method only. Why then mention collecting royalties in the name of our movement? Far better name our movement with our principle. "The gifts of nature are for the people" reads a huge display at Niagara Falls. This is our principle. Let us name our movement the

WORLD MOVEMENT for the COMMON PROPERTY of TERRESTRIAL BOUNTY.

Why do we advocate that the natural bounty should be property in common? Because it is a gift of nature. It did not come into existence by individual human exertion. For that reason we cannot call it personal property, for that reason it belongs to nobody personally but to all in common. This is what we call justice.

It is justice for all that we aim at in one way or another, so let us call our union the "World Movement for Justice." Or, as the Danish have

their "Justice Party", let us name our movement the

WORLD JUSTICE MOVEMENT

On the other hand, from a point of view of propaganda, perhaps a "World Movement for a Basic Income" is a more expedient name.

"The land in any country is the common heritage of all people of that country, the rent of that land then must belong equally to all those people and the requirements of justice would be met by dividing the entire rent among all people" (Richard Grinham, IUN 2, p.26). That's Thompson's "Basic Income" for everyone. That meets the "Guaranteed Income" of R. Theobald. That's what E.S. Hansch says (HGN February '67, p.12): "...distribute the amount collected in equal shares to all citizens (shares to minors to be used for their education) I don't want any spend-happy public officials to squander my share." (Perhaps we may vote in Parliament to use part of this amount for governmental expenses, but that is only if we agree upon such a decision.)

A Basic Income out of the royalties from natural and social privileges: it will be of paramount propagandistic importance to name our union:

WORLD MOVEMENT for a BASIC INCOME

Conclusion

Words are vehicles to carry thoughts. If the vehicle is in disorder, it cannot convey thoughts. It is proved now by lack of progress during almost a century, that the term "Land-Value Taxation" cripples our thoughts.

Answers are needed -- I have tried to give some.

On the Name of Our Union

It is not so much a question of academic niceties, but the fact that many members feel that the name of our Union stands in the way of our progress, that the name of our Union is being discussed. 'Union' is too often suspected to hide a labour union and then our philosophy is suspect and dropped.

There are more experiences like this one. Therefore, our first task is to pile up these arguments, and weigh their importance and validity.

1. "Of course the phrase Land Value Taxation stultifies itself, because if fully taxed it has no value left."
 - Joseph S. Thompson
 2. "Taxation, in any form, is anti-economic and this movement should have nothing to do with it."
 - The Association for Good Government
 3. "'To tax' means 'to burden' according to the dictionary, and clearly no burden is involved when you give up something that isn't yours!"
 - Lantie Johnson, HGN, April 1968, p.14.
 4. "Land Value Taxation isn't a tax, but on the contrary it is a bid."
 - B. Carver, IUN4, p.14.
 5. "The power to tax is the power to destroy."
 - Former Chief Justice Marshall of the United States
 6. "When discussing a Georgeist government, 'values' should never be mentioned, as it is a product of bad government."
 - Kimba Henry George League, IUN3, p.5.
 7. "Coming to perfection, land value will disappear and only rent will remain."
 - Henry George, The Standard, Feb. 16, 1889 (IUN3, p.9.)
 8. "It is timely to consider the merits of changing from freehold to perpetual leasehold tenure."
 - Justice Elise-Mitchell; A.R. Hutchinson: Perpetual Leasehold or Freehold, Paper to the Convention on Australian Natural Resources, 1967, p.1.
- Here we see that the name of our union should not mention taxation only, but should cover other ways to the same goal as well – for instance perpetual leasehold.
9. "I believe in a system of leasehold tenure."
 - Rolland O'Regan, State Leaseholds – the Basis for Land Reform. Paper to the 12th International Conference, p.11.
 10. "The government's basic policy is to sell leases to the highest

- bidder at public auctions.... for the annual payment of Crown rent."
- Free Trade, Free Enterprise ~ An Example. Paper to the 12th International Conference, p.3.
11. "Land rent for natural resources of which the rights have been reserved to the Crown as trustee for the people...to let it to individual holders under various forms of leasehold...but with periodically revised rents, payable annually to the government,"
- A.R.Hutchinson: Land Rent as Public Revenue in Australia. Paper to the 12th International Conference, p.5.
12. "It would seem imperative, on equity grounds, that the government retain the land rather than sell it to the private owner. Instead the expropriated land could be put up for lease to the highest bidder."
- Mary Rawson: Speculation, Urban Renewal and Land-Value Taxes. Paper to the 12th International Conference, p.7.
13. "The term land-value is, by itself, unscientific and sloppy. If we fail to preserve our claim to be scientific, we allow our opponents to fight us upon ground not of our choosing but on theirs."
- W.H.Pitt, Australia.
14. "We argue that a tax is a burden. Therefore we look foolish - and are foolish - when we use any phraseology wrapped around such a word."
- J.J.Pot: The Name of our Union. Paper to the 13th International Conference.
15.
(Who adds more good reasons WHY to alter the name of our Union?).

Proposals for a new name

1. The International Union for Site Rent Revenue.
2. Site Rent for Revenue International. (SRRI).

The following reasons make the proposed change both necessary and urgent:

1. The present name is unnecessarily cumbersome
2. The aim of the Union being the collection by governments of the economic rent, or site rent, the correct means for realising this aim must be employed and made clear in the name by which it is known throughout the world.

-The Association for Good Government, Australia.

3. Movement for Community Created Rent. (CCR).
 4. Land Rent Association. (LRA).
 5. Land Duty Association. (LDA).
- These names I picked up at the last conference.

6. Royal Rent should appear in the name..
- Rent is an economic issue that can be calculated. What we aim is a due for a privilege, like a stamp duty, import duty, etc.

"Take it in the symbolic way: public or 'royal' property, 'real estate'".-Nils C.Oesleby, HGN, Okt. '67, p.16.
"I do not find the term Royal Rent acceptable, because it sounds too much like Crown lands". -Joseph S.Thompson.

7. World Movement for Revenue from Royalties.

"Royalty is an accepted term in common use for oil royalties and the like. It is an amount of money one has to pay to the authority who grants him the permission to make use of a natural or community created bounty. We have to extend the royalty-idea to ALL gifts of nature, land included". -J.J.Pot, The name of the Union. Paper to the 13th Intern. Conference, p.6.

8. World Movement for the Common Property of Terrestrial Bounty.

"This name mentions our principle, irrespective of the means with which we try to attain this goal". - ibid.

9. World Movement for Justice.

10. World Justice Movement.

"This is the kernel. It works out to: the gifts of nature are for the people. Compare with the Danish Justice Party. -ibid.

W.H.Pitt proposes:

11. International Union seeking Site Rentals for Public Revenue.

From a letter of C.R.Raynham I quote: "The average citizen is simply not interested. They have ceased to believe in the feasibility of implementation of the theory. 'Land Rent', 'Land Duty' act as a positive deterrent to progress. 'Justice' - everybody's idea of it is different. So - arouse interest as the first factor. Economics is everybody's worry today, so:

12. The International Union for Economic Reform,

a much more general and innocuous-sounding name. It avoids an impression of exgrinding. After interest you may subsequently expect attention - some sort of study - understanding - conviction - support - action!"

James L. Busey writes: "A new name should be (1) accurate, (2) politically appealing, and (3) not so broad and general, such as World Movement for Justice, etc. Names which include reference to 'taxation' or 'taxes' create an unfortunate impression among the uninformed. I do think the phrase 'single tax' has a certain merit - and implies that we would reduce taxes down to just one, to which no one can object:

13. International Single Tax Association; or:
14. International Union of Single Taxers; or:
15. International Union for Free Land and Free Trade; or:
16. Free Land and Trade Association.

Pavlos Giannelias writes a letter of two pages, quoting George and others on the meaning of the notion 'value'. Some are right, some are wrong. If we use the word 'value' in the right way..... Okay, yes: 'IF'. But the man in the street makes a mass of it. Therefore again: avoid the term 'value'.

When making for the first time a Land Value map, people will discuss 'Land values'. But don't bother too much about academic niceties around it. At least it will be some so-called capitalised value, which has to be multiplied by one percentage or another, to arrive at the amount of money one will be due to pay. - Well than: the next year take a new map and insert the dues to be paid! So you arrive at a Land Duty Map. Adjustments of the right dues to be paid will at once encompass all influences and arguments for setting the level of the dues - and terms such as rent, value, tax, rate and the sort will be forgotten and the discussion will be essentially on privileges. So: Land Duty Maps, or better: Site Duty Maps shall depict the number of dollars one is due to pay, without misunderstanding (intentionally or not!) re 'value'. And so the name of our union shall read:

17. Site Duty Association.

John T. Tetley proposes:

18. International Headquarters for Economic Equality. (THEE).

Economic equality (of opportunity) must embrace Land Value Taxation and Free Trade. I congratulate you on your effort and necessary work to bring this much desired change in title.

A. E. Garrett writes: The present name is inadequate and misleading. Therefore I suggest simply:

19. Land Reform.

The inclusion of Free Trade probably does more harm than good. The nations have travelled a long way since Free Trade was a major political issue and there is the danger of the Union being regarded as old-fashioned and not fully aware of modern problems, leading to the main object not receiving proper consideration or at worst being ignored.

E. A. Bryan admits that 'Site Rent Revenue' is excellent, but it does not suggest the most important thing: that taxation should be abolished. "I believe that it is imperative that we be meticulously scientific, and in the interest of brevity, I should suggest a title such as:

20. Association for the Collection of the Community's Rent and the End Elimination of Taxation. (A.C.CRET (A Secret)).

Titles as: 'Land rent association' of 'World Movement for Justice' spell out nothing of the philosophy.

Another proposal from S.Sevenster is:

21. Union for the Equal Rights to the rent of Land; or:
22. Land Profit Fund; or:
23. Land-use Royalty.

The well known Mabel Johnston of the Melbourne H.G.Leage writes: "What I would like to see is some machinery set up for forming an international body comprising all genuine Georgist organisations throughout the world who, whatever their present names, are working exclusively for Georgist principles, and which could be called the:

24. International Union of Henry George Leagues.

I do not share the objection to the word Union, but if preferred it could be Federation. The name Henry George will be self-explanatory to Georgists, and at the same time intriguing to people unfamiliar with the name, requiring them to look further into the objectives."

(But H.G. is an old man of a century already passed by!).

Jaffray says: Free Trade distracts from the maintheme. The present name fails to mention monopoly. Consider:

25. International Union for Land-Value Taxation.

Thompson's objection is invalid as to use- or economic value.

26. International Union for the Public Collection of Land Rent.

'Economic rent' has no meaning for the masses. Attract them first, than educate them.

Hutchinson: Broadly speaking I do not think that the apparently different names and views are of great significance. I don't think they can be said to hold back the acceptance of our principles. I think that it would be a mistaken to think that changes in the name by which the movement is known, will have any significant influence in the desired result.' (but our movement is UN-known in the greater part of the world!).

Mc Gahan: There is something radically wrong with our presentation when we can muster but a handful of people at a so-called World Conference. If we are to get a hearing, we must restrict our salestalk to a few stereotyped formulas and constantly repeat them. We must stop preaching political economy; we must teach the people more about the business of government; I prefer something like:

27. Scientific Taxation; or:

28. Better Government. Or a combination of both.

Bryan in 'Free Folk', dec.'73 says: Sometimes the reformers were as illogical as those whose terminology they scorned. The Land Registration League's avowed aim was to 'restore the Land to the People', when really it was a matter of restoring the rent to the people. It would have been more proper to advocate the restoration of mankind's equal right to the use of the earth, for before the institution of organized crime as government, people did enjoy their equal rights to its use. We hope that Mr. Pot will be able to find some title calling for the abolition of taxation, the collection for public purposes of ground-dues, and the rule of natural law in society.

George Tideman: Since we are actually abolishing taxation, why should we label our movement some kind of a tax? My concern is that not one of these names tells what we are after. We are after a solution of the Social Problem of the persistence of poverty in spite the phenomenal progress being made in the production of wealth.

A name that will emphasize our objective:

29. Universal Free Enterprise.

Giannelias (again) is convinced that one can make objections as well against my proposal 'Site Duty Ass' as an alternative for LVT. But may I ask: the number of objections and the validity of each of the objections should be least, for none is non-existent.

30. The international Public Revenue Institute,

says Allan R.Hopkins. It is short, fairly easy to pronounce, sufficiently concise and has a semi-official sound.

Maurice Daniel: 'International is good, but both 'Taxation' and 'Union' should be avoided as confusing or misleading. He proposes:

31. The International Society for Progress with Justice.

'Progress' should be social as well as economic; 'Progress with Justice' demands free trade, the free movement of peoples and gradual change from leasehold land tenure to permanent leasehold title through the State.

Basil Butterworth:

32. The Human Heritage Union; or:

33. The International Union for the Human Heritage.

Prof.Steven Cord is the second who advises NOT to change our name! "I like I.U.L.V.T.F.T." These goals are what we stand for. The name has tradition behind it. The organisation can be referred to briefly as the 'International Union'". Does prof.Cord contradict himself? The new journal 'New Town Financing' "Will advocate L.V.T. for new towns, or alternatively, it will advocate G.L.R. - the government land rental of sites to private developers". Well then, in my opinion our new name should fit LVT and SVR and GLR and every other means that fits our goal.

Again James Busey writes a four-page letter to advocate the term single-tax:

34. International Union for the Single Tax.

35. International Single Tax Union.

36. Single Tax Association of the World.

But in countries without property tax, such as mine, single tax and taxshift are of no use. The name should be INTERNATIONAL that is: suitable for ALL countries.

Moreover: the single tax refers to the METHOD of getting the rent in the common purse and blocks the straight-forward method political accepted in Holland of long lease graded-up to take all the rent of all the land.

J.W.Murdoch is the third one who says: "There is no necessity to change the name. He adds: "The present title is perfectly well understood by all members of the Union".
I repeat: by all members.

A.F. Rosenbach:

37. Equal Rights.

For that is universal, not specific. Or:

38. Association of Taxpayers.

Following the German 'Bund der Steuerzahler'. It covers all aspects of taxation and - virtually for that reason - in Germany they got a host of members from all circles.

My own choice.

If the name remains as it is, or if a new name will be based on taxation, it will not be understandable outside the anglo-saxon realm, and so the union will never become international.

Moreover: mind that most of us agree that in the name should not appear the term value, not tax or taxation, not rent, not union, not justice, etc.

Mr. Bryan hopes that Mr. Fot will be able to find some title. How in the world can he hope that a not-englishman can be helpful in finding the right wording in your language!

But - as you wish your union to be international, we have to look for an international name. Therefore I should like to ask you to consider the name:

Land Royalty Movement

Land fits also German and related languages.

Land is always in discussion in our ranks.

Land shall also have the extended meaning of all natural and community created bounty.

Royalty is an international term.

Royalty is well known all over the world as 'oil-royalty'.

Royalty for land-use is a new idea; it tackles to ponder, it washes the brains.

Movement fits also French and related languages.

Movement says that we try to move, i.e. to get the land royalty idea accepted.

Land Royalty Movement is as close as possible to international understanding. Is it necessary to say: International Land Royalty Movement? You may refer to it by the name ILRO-Movement.

Nevertheless I hope that you will tailor a better word to name our movement.

I hope to get a letter from you!

Jan J. Pot.