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An end to monopoly — in government, banking, land, patent, mergers, trade unions, medicine.

Rational, humane laws. Prisons abolished; replaced by fines, with psychiatric treatment if necessary.

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Assess full ground rent, without exception, for ethical revenue source, low improvement taxes, an end to speculation. Choice of sites at true rental value will ensure a surplus of sale employment, at wages equal to one's production.

BASIS FOR SUIT AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT

Government restitution for official or private injuries. Polygraph tests to be accepted as evidence.

Implementation of the principle of checks and balances on which our government was founded is grossly inadequate, as each of the three branches of government is largely controlled by, and to some extent consists of members of the power elite, and the power elite is largely comprised of the intermarrying, self-perpetuating aristocracy of the social elite — the "beautiful people," as described in "The Higher Circles: The Governing Class In America." The already extreme and rapidly growing concentration of this power, through mergers and conglomerates comprising numerous related and unrelated industries, in this and foreign countries, and including the various forms of news media, and indirect means of subsidizing many legislators are described in "America, Inc." Senator Russell B. Long remarked that it would be difficult to get a quorum on any bill if all senators disqualified themselves from voting where there was a conflict of interest.

We have a perpetually unstable boom-and-bust economy, with constant large scale unemployment, ever-growing slums, increasing hunger and increasing disease and mental retardation; consequently more crime, prostitution, drunkenness and narcotic addiction. The federal, state and local governments are top-heavy grafting, largely useless and repressive bureaucracies. The number of persons supported by government approaches the number supporting them. Our foreign policy is dictated by the fact that our monopolies determine the resources which they wish to exploit, at a very low rental or royalty, with very cheap labor, and low taxes, if any. Our government determines only the tactics to be employed: the puppet governments we support, the use of money, equipment, spies, murderers, American, native and hired troops, air and naval power thought necessary to obtain and retain control over these resources, considering both the native opposition and potential exploiting rivals.

We have constant inflation, which is an unacknowledged tax upon all existing claims on wealth — savings, pensions, insurance and credit — because the government spends in excess of its revenue, because monopolies charge in excess of their legitimate costs and margin of safety, because monopoly interest rates are excessive, and because trade unions use illegal violence, at times, to extort wages in excess of the value of their members' production, partly to shift the burden of other inflationary costs onto the unorganized — and so further add to inflation. The pollution of our air, water, earth and food is proceeding apace, because polluters largely control the regulators, so that the poisoning of our environment may have passed the point of no return, dooming human life on earth. There is little indication of conscience or awareness of the seriousness of the situation on the part of either government or the general public. Medical care is so monopolized that most people cannot pay for it unless insured, and a large percentage cannot pay for insurance. Charity care is often dangerous to life and health, in addition to being revolting.

We need an independent group of economic experts, representing all viewpoints, to give the country a scientific program on tax policies, on the means to ensure a surplus of work opportunities, the choice automatically enabling everyone to obtain the equivalent of his production — his true economic wage. The group would show how we could have zero inflation, and a gradual decrease in prices, with increased efficiency. Polygraph tests should be used to settle unresolved differences. We need to enforce long neglected anti-monopoly laws, and dissolve mergers into their original separate companies, to the extent necessary to develop adequate competition.

Banking laws must be revised, so that new credit is issued only against goods brought to the market place; other loans to be taken from existing credit. This maintains a constant balance between goods available for purchase and credit with which to purchase them, with neither inflation nor deflation resulting from banking policies. With no monopoly, interest rates would accord with the cost of each type of risk, and money would be available wherever the basis for credit existed. No large national debt has ever been paid off. Henry George compared the national debt to "a check upon the First National Bank of the Moon." Government can give tax receipts instead of bonds. Those whose money is taken have the same amount on which to live, as do those whose money is lost through government inflation. Buehler (on banking) states that we might not have wars if we operated on a pay-as-you-go basis. Those with surplus funds would have to pay a larger share, as now, but would not be repaid, with interest, over the years, from endless smaller taxes levied on the poor.

"the best use that could be made of our great law libraries...would be to send them to the paper mills." - Henry George. Laws were originally set up by a conquering class, to keep the conquered in subjection, and we have superimposed on this framework our human vagaries, properly belonging in Paul Tabori's "The Natural Science of Stupidity." Laws must be in accordance with Herbert Spencer's "Complete freedom, limited only by the equal freedom of others." All penalties must be monetary, not to exceed the risk of injury, or actual injury done, nor the capacity of the guilty to pay, without undue injury to himself. Polygraph tests must be accepted as evidence of innocence, also of injury, although not of guilt. Suitable damages should be paid by the government unit involved, and collected by the government, to the extent possible and reasonable, from the guilty, by usual procedures. All sumptuary laws should be repealed, as being arbitrary and unscientific. Education, persuasion, boycott and ostracism may be effective in matters of taste. Those mentally or physically unable to care for themselves, and those temporarily or permanently unable to adjust safely to society must be detained, and permitted to live and work as normally as possible.

All detention for punishment is unnatural, and therefore cruel, often fiendish. It usually involves lack of self-expression, society and living space, graft, sadism, sexual denial and sexual perversion, filth, stink, vomit food, sometimes drugging, almost heat suffocation, mutilation, murder, a suffering from claustrophobia - often driving prisoners to suicide or insanity. Penalties are inequitably specified in law, so-called "white collar crimes" being vastly more injurious to the public than most of the crimes of the poor, while the penalties for the former are negligible, and those for the poor capricious, atrocious, vindictive, without check or guidelines. Crimes of the poor are likely to be forced upon them by monopoly practices of the power elite, and their punishments are largely unwarranted, or should be subject to mitigation. Illegal punishment is commonly inflicted by police and prison guards; sentences may be extended, and parole denied or revoked without good cause. Even if prison does not worsen a victim, as it usually does, the conditions driving one to crime remain the same. Rehabilitation should start with the economic environment. \$400,000 is the cost per permanent cure of drug addiction in New York State.

Only the figures of zero unemployment, zero inflation, and a lowered cost of living should satisfy us. Only zero involvement with foreign dictatorships, financially, militarily, or with special forces of trainers, torturers and murderers, should satisfy us. Our theft of resources from foreign countries, even if we paid the right price for them, instead of a fraction of that, deprives these peoples of the opportunity to develop themselves, and results in the attitude of "Go home, white devil! Go home!" We not only have a false God, of ever increasing material consumption, but it applies only to the handful now, will not be available to them for long (See "Moment in the Sun!"), and greatly diminishes the quality of life, spiritually and materially, for all others. We create police states, and move toward one ourselves. All branches of government should have to put up performance bonds requiring them to act with humanity and the best scientific knowledge available.