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INTERNATIONAL SUGGESTION: CELEBRATE IT AS A VICTORY OVER FASCISM.
SECOND SUGGESTION: CELEBRATE WORLDWIDE END OF VIOLENT, EXPLOITIVE NEOCOLONIALISM, DOMESTIC MONOPOLY; REPLACEMENT OF LABOR TAXES WITH FULL GROUND RENT ASSESSMENT; ADVERSARY LAW WITH FREE REPRESENTATIVE MEDIATION, BASED UPON COMPLETE FREEDOM, LIMITED ONLY BY THE EQUAL FREEDOM OF OTHERS; PENALTY, WITH MONEY RESTITUTION; COMPULSORY, WITH VOLUNTARY SCHOOLING; ARBITRARY POWER, WITH ACTIVIST OMBUDSMEN SUPERVISION OF ALL GOVERNMENT, FOOD QUALITY, NATURAL RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENT, HUMAN AND ANIMAL TREATMENT - EACH AS IT IS ATTAINED.

SUMMERHILL, A Radical Approach To Child Rearing - A. S. Neill

"Civilization is sick and unhappy...Man's slavery is his slavery to hate...He has set up courts and prisons to punish the victims of his suppression. Enslaved woman must give her sons to ("defensive, patriotic, wars to save democracy, to end wars" - exploitation, vainglory, self-expression, armament profits, absorb unemployment, divert attention from reform, utilize arms produced for patronage, jobs and votes). There is never a problem child...only problem parents. Perhaps...THERE IS ONLY A PROBLEM HUMANITY. ...the haters control education, religion, the law, the armies, and the vile prisons. ...The vast majority of children are being molded by anti-life supporters with their hateful system of punishments. ...Self-regulation implies a belief in the goodness of human nature...SELF REGULATION MEANS THE RIGHT OF A BABY TO LIVE FREELY, WITHOUT OUTSIDE AUTHORITY IN THINGS PSYCHIC AND SOMATIC. (it) feeds when it is hungry...becomes clean in habits only when it wants to; that it is never stormed at nor spanked; that it is always loved and protected. ...This insane, inhuman prison system stands condemned because it does not touch anything of psychological value (nor economic)...The law furthers the lie that humanity can be bettered by hate in the form of punishment. ...The punished child DOES grow worse and worse. ...he grows into a punishing father...or mother, and (a) cycle of hate..."

I know of no argument against youth's love life that holds water. Nearly every argument is based on repressed emotion or hate of life...None answers the question why nature gave man a strong sex instinct, if youth is to be forbidden to use it...I am thinking of the long tomorrow when society will have realized how dangerous sex repression is. ...The taboos and fear that fashioned sex behavior are those same taboos and fears that produce the perverts who rape and strangle small girls in parks...who torture Jews and Negroes. ...sex crime and sex abnormality of any kind are a direct result of disapproval of sex in early childhood. ...there was no homosexuality among the Trobrianders until...missionaries segregated boys and girls in separate hostels. There was no rape...no sex crimes. Why? Because small children were given no repressions about sex. ...Do we want our children to be like us? ...With rape and sex murder and unhappy marriages and neurotic children? ...both answers are the prelude to atomic destruction, because they postulate the continuance of hate and the expression of this hate in wars. ...No man with a good sex life could possibly torture an animal...a human, or support prisons. Fashion journals, cosmetics, leg shows...reviews, sex stories - all...prove that only the trappings of sex are approved of...unsatisfactory (sex) goes into anxiety and hate. ...There is no homosexuality in Summerhill ...it seems quite certain that (repressions) must have originated in very early childhood. ...The abortion question is one of the most sickening, hypocritical symptoms of the illness of humanity. ...Hundreds of religions have come and gone. ...free children do not feel that life is a failure...the aborigine ...is not impotent...nor homosexual, nor inhibited. ...In Summerhill...a jury of his fellows never (punishes a thief)...he is made to pay back the debt. ...to introduce fear into a child's life is the worst of all crimes...sadism is always perverted sexuality. ...Animals are not cruel. ...No amount of personal therapy can abolish the evil of a bad home, a slum street, a poverty-stricken family. ...So far as I know, not one delinquent who spent seven years at Summerhill ever (went to prison, raped, or became anti-social). ...Freedom alone, with no therapy added, will cure most delinquencies in a child. ...In a child, self-hate is shown by antisocial behavior, quarreling, spitefulness, bad temper, destructiveness. All self-hate tends to be projected, that is, transferred to others. ...I make the same point against mathematics that I make against Latin and Greek: What is the point of teaching quadratic equations to boys who are going to repair cars or sell stockings? ...I don't even believe in school lessons unless they are voluntarily chosen." (It is a matter of slavery)

THE SECOND REVOLUTION

A cooperative activist boycott of those who will not block legislation, until we:

1. End our pervasive intervention in Latin America, Indonesia, and elsewhere, encourage worldwide freedom, humanity, economic justice and ecological sanity.
2. End all restrictions on foreign trade, other than tariffs on subsidized imports.
3. Cancel national debt. No large one ever paid. The past can't obligate the future.
4. Issue money - a claim on goods in the market - only on goods offered as collateral for loans; maintaining a balance between them; thus avoiding inflation or deflation.
5. Limit campaign publicity to equal free media time and space, giving candidates an equal chance; leaving them free of obligations to contributors, able to serve the public.
6. End all direct and indirect favoritism creating and maintaining monopolies; especially by replacing taxes on current and past production, for federal, state and local revenue, with full ground rent assessment, without exception, including that on natural resources, completing the transfer in five years; assessment absorbing the basis of sale price, making all sites available at a nominal price; assuring surplus jobs, at all times, to all persons, of every grade of skill, at wages equal to their production; minimizing infinite evils.
7. Make annual payments to each household, in proportion to its size, from the revenue remaining, after repairing our infrastructure, readjustments, and other needed services.
8. Limit military to maintenance. Any nuclear strike would soon destroy all. Use truth tests.
9. Teach the health, humanitarian, economic and ecological values of an organically grown vegetarian diet, and the extent to which it alone, or in conjunction with life style, exercise, fasting, or proven medical treatment can best prevent and cure illnesses.
10. Permit animal and human experimentation only as approved by anti-cruelty societies.
11. Provide complete free social services, including technical training at college level, to those needing or wishing it; presently by government, eventually by private cooperatives.
12. Establish the principle of "complete freedom, limited only by the equal freedom of others" as the basis of laws; thus ending sumptuary laws, including compulsory schooling.
13. Decide all domestic and international issues with free representative mediation; any restitution to be monetary, within reasonable ability to pay; government to make up any private deficiency; also to compensate for losses and injuries where no individual is responsible, or can be found; individual responsibility determined by usual means; government liability by truth tests of the injured, if necessary. Such tests, by accused individuals, accepted as evidence of innocence; detention, under normal working and living conditions, only for the emotionally dangerous, and for others, until released.
14. Check all aspects of government with activist ombudsmen supervision, empowered to compel officials to obey the law, and keep public informed on all activities.
15. Have activist organizations available, with information and advice on all matters, to guide producers and consumers, enabling them intelligently to support, or not, with their work and purchases, everything of personal or general concern; our greater prosperity and leisure, ensuing from surplus jobs, no taxes on production - even government receipts - negligible crime and repression, permitting private cooperatives of all kinds, including schools, largely to replace the monopoly-controlled, expensive, destructive STATE.

Parts of China, 500 B. C. - Ground rent revenue, mediation, money restitution; Hammurabi; Athenian Ecclesia; Tertullian; St. Cyprian: "God's footstool is not property;" Spinoza: "let (land) at a yearly rental...let...all be...exempt from...taxation;" Blackstone: "no foundation...why a...parchment should convey the dominion of land." Carlyle; Ricardo; Spence; Mill; Smith: "the...produce of labour belongs to the labourer. ...when land (is) private property, the landlord demands a share of almost all;" Cardinal Manning: "The land question means...despair...in the hearts of the poor;" Black Hawk; Dove: "draw the whole of taxation from the rents of the soil." Doomsday Book; Magna Charta allowed revenue transfer from land to labor; Thoreau's "Civil Disobedience;" Penn's "Fruits of Solitude;" Paine's "Agrarian Reform;" Rousseau; Ruskin; Physiocrats; Turgot; Franklin; Jefferson; Nathaniel Bacon; Argentina; Uruguay; South Africa; Australia; New Zealand; western Canada; Java; Singapore; British Liberal Party; Weimar Constitution; Anhalt; Many Pennsylvania cities; 100 California irrigation districts; 10 U. S. enclaves; others. We should adopt the best, in government, economics and ecology, from past and current advocacy and practice, to create a humane, sustainable society. Less unaffordable.