

Apr. 30, 1985

Mr. Ralph Nader

Dear Mr. Nader:

Our own and world problems are far too great, and ever multiplying, for any number of activist organizations to prevent, correct or redress, by legal action, publicity, mailings or demonstrations. We are ruining people, the environment, food, earth, air and water, depleting our top soil, rain forests, our supply of clean water, our irreplaceable aquifers and natural resources of minerals. Chemical poisons are threatening us with early destruction, and nuclear poisons with immediate destruction. Poverty is sickening and killing us, and maintaining a perpetual reign of terror, thievery, prostitution, rape, vandalism, arson, alcoholism and drug addiction, hate societies, religious fanaticism. Most governments are financially and morally bankrupt.

Our youth are endangered by poor, dishonest, unnecessary and unwanted schooling, delayed adulthood, and consequent dissipation, crime and unaffordable children. Adults are spending most of their waking hours paying monopoly prices for everything, paying taxes for bloated, corrupt governments, arms to rob the Third World of its resources and cheap labor, unusable nuclear arms, the cleaning up of chemical and nuclear poisons, medical costs of these poisons, of poisoned and deteriorated foods, of the sick and crippled war victims, of legal and detention expenses incurred by our millions of unemployed, trying to exist, despite the monopolization of the earth which denies them their rightful access to it.

Even the employed fail to realize their deprivation, in being squeezed out of house and yard, into flats, then apartment complexes, without play space; with kitchens turned into kitchenettes, dining rooms into dinettes, then dining areas; with halls gone, and bathrooms next to living rooms; bedrooms sometimes only in-a-door beds; then into mobile homes, in trailer camps; with up to 2 million homeless here; some freezing to death outdoors, while others freeze to death indoors, with no heat. Perhaps we'll next be living on boats, as do some Chinese and Japanese, or on roof tops as do many in Hong Kong.

Full ground rent assessment would provide the basis for economic justice, with equal site costs (nominal), assuring surplus jobs, at one's skill level, at wages equal to one's production, minimizing an infinity of evils, and providing the freedom of choice to enable one to select safe residence, safe and ethical work, as advised by your own and other activist agencies. Only with boycott threats of work, purchases and candidates can we attain adequate popular control; and only with surplus jobs can we be selective in work. Voting boycotts are needed to attain nominally priced sites, and reverse our trend toward human and material destruction. Prosperity would also minimize racial and religious disputes exacerbating problems in much of the world. A large constituency who would boycott candidates and products, and provide a publicity forum to attract other adherents is needed, to counteract monopoly-controlled candidates, media and schools. Immediate issues are a \$ 24.2 billion Star Wars pork barrel, an attempt to close down Amtrack, and end racial quotas on federal jobs. Money from ground rent would pay for Amtrack, and surplus jobs would remove pork barrel temptations, and need for quotas.

Sincerely,

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