

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

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

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NEW AGE POLITICS - Mark Satin

Comments on its suggested "Political Platform"

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 safe employment, at wages equal to one's production.

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

The "Platform" is quite comprehensive, with sound proposals on the many subjects covered. For most to reach the proposed goals, however, we require equal access to our natural heritage — the earth — on which all must live, and on which and from which all wealth is produced; attainable only by the full assessment of ground rent, a value created by nature, population and community development, without individual effort, to which the community is entitled for public services. The assessment should therefore be increased progressively, without exception, to 100 % in five years, with improvement taxes reduced correspondingly. This would bring the sale price of the bare land — capitalization of now unassessed rental — down to a nominal figure, ending speculative pricing and hoarding; equalizing for everyone, the cost of this vital factor of production; each parcel paying only its true ground rent, its superiority over marginal land. With substantially free land, we should have a perpetual surplus of work opportunities, the ample choice assuring wages equal to one's production — scientifically exact, without legislation or violence — at one's skill level, without discrimination; ethical, safe, and non-polluting; in the type of business, and structure desired: individual, partnership, or cooperative; also ensuring free speech — no possibility of blacklisting; minimizing an infinity of current evils: crime and dissipation of every kind, cramped, noisy slums, frustrated, rat-bitten, burned alive inmates, broken families, malnutrition, rampant illness, incredible learning difficulties, perpetually violent neighborhoods and entire countries; corrupt, torturing governments. Surplus opportunities, and recognition of the rights of women and children would relieve most frustrations and abuse, and ease any needed adjustments. Free access to the earth is the most basic reform, requiring education and boycotts by cooperating activists.

Following are suggested modifications and additions to the "Political Platform"

### National Affairs

#### B. Income and Welfare

(2) Establish only minimum income levels. All direct and indirect favoritism should end, ending most monopolies; and all natural monopolies — everything in limited supply — should be government owned. With free competition, wages would be the equivalent of one's production.

#### C. Finance and Money

(6) Cancel the national debt. Most bonds should have been tax receipts; and one generation cannot ethically force future generations to pay for past expenses.

(7) Money is a claim on goods in the market place, and should be issued only as those goods are used as collateral for loans; with no monopoly prices or wages, providing stability.

#### D. Business and Industry

(1) — (3) Money cannot ethically be lent on character, buildings or tax anticipations except as it is not used by those who have put up market, place collateral for loans, so that a constant balance is maintained. Constructive and ethical, <sup>24-75</sup> would be much more assured when government operates banks and insurance — credit being an item in limited supply.

(5) — (10) Without favoritism, firms could not economically exceed their optimum size. Honest enforcement of existing anti trust laws would ban all combinations in restraint of trade — most; and choice of work would force conversion of corporations into cooperatives. All patents should be available, upon payment of a royalty. Bidding for our present artificial shortage of sites forces up prices until they absorb all increases in production or savings, benefiting landholders, instead of producers. Only by making land substantially free can the base wage — to which all others relate — rise above the subsistence level. About 3 % here own all land, and can extract most surplus production from 97 %; keeping millions unemployed.

#### E. Population

(8) Our 85 % ownership of Latin American resources must end, ending illegal immigration.

#### F. Labor

(3) - (6) & (7) Choice from surplus jobs should be the only compulsion.

#### G. Agriculture

(1) Percentage on farms should result naturally, from the availability of free land, and the absence of favoritism in banking, taxes, and monopoly collusion.

(2), (3), (6) & (7) Without favoritism, the less efficient farms - too large, or with absentee owners - would have to convert. All land to be fully assessed.

(5) End all farm subsidies.

(8) - (10) & (14) Free land, with full assessment, is all that is needed,

#### I. Energy

Government should purchase everything in limited supply: natural resources, power plants, rails, airlines, local transit, banks, insurance, TV networks, paying only for man-made facilities; supervised by grass roots ombudsmen, operating in the public interest.

(11) Ban all nuclear power construction, as infinitely, insanely catastrophic.

#### L. Human Rights, Animal Rights, and Civil Liberties

(5) Abolish animal experimentation, unless mechanical means can be proved insufficient to obtain VITAL information; when animal rights organizations must supervise all tests, ensuring minimum suffering, as to intensity, duration, duplication (abolishing school practice). End rodeos, animal fights, races, shows, circus acts; zoos, except under natural conditions. Abolish "intensive," cruel handling and slaughter of livestock. Discourage house kept pets.

#### M. Crime and Punishment

(2) & (3) Abolish all detention, except for the emotionally dangerous. Permit them as normal a life as possible. Restitution in money, not exceeding reasonable ability to pay.

(4) & (5) Use representative mediation in all cases. Accept truth tests for innocence, and abuse, requiring government restitution; individual guilt determined by usual means.

#### O. Consumer

Many reforms would come automatically, with free land and the end of private monopolies.

(8) Encourage the metric system. The convenient relationships greatly facilitate learning, scientific and industrial practices, and international exchanges.

#### Q. Health

(9) Advocate a vegan diet, organically grown, for health, flavor, cost, the ecology; 6 to 10 times the nutrition per acre, as meats; reducing world hunger, animal rights violations.

#### S. Housing

Free land, surplus jobs, government banking and insurance would solve most problems.

#### T. Media

Government operation of TV, with grass roots ombudsmen supervising, is the solution.

#### U. Government Reform

Government must be decentralized, with more local autonomy. more direct personal participation, easy and cheap recall, grass roots ombudsmen supervising everything.

### Planetary Affairs

#### W. Planet Earth

The greatest aid we can give the poor of the world is to give up ownership of their resources, and exploitation of their cheap, often slave labor, made possible by our support, often installation of their vicious, suppressive dictators. We should encourage all countries to nationalize their natural resources, including ground rent, and all business in limited supply, to free them to develop themselves; and purchase, as needed, the skills and assets of the developed world, with no incentive to nationalize man-made resources. They would then not be robbed of their food, mineral or timber resources, their health, their brains, until, in desperation, they had to free themselves, whatever the price in torture and slaughter.

#### X. Multinational Corporations

They would disappear, with full ground rent assessments, and the end of other favoritism.

#### Y. Defense (Mainly Offense, to suppress the weak, and compete for exploitive opportunities)

(6), (7) & (8) Retain a voluntary military, for experience, morale and efficiency. It should steadily decrease, as we work for a decrease in exploitive opportunities worldwide.