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TO MY 24 CO-SPONSORS OF THE UUA RESOLUTION FOR LAND VALUE TAZATION:

The Resolution was defeated in the parish poll conducted in March: 85 to 112.

This despite a letter sent to the ministers of the 200 largest UU churches giving a broader statement of what LVT would do than could be confined to the limited space available on the UU form:

Mr. Tillman Schaefer, 45 Elm Street, Bedford, Mass. 01730, at my request earlier this year, took over the follow-up on the Resolution, knowing that owing to health reasons I was turning Media Foundation for Land Economics, over to Steven Cord, 580 No. Sixth Street, Indiana, Pa., 15701.

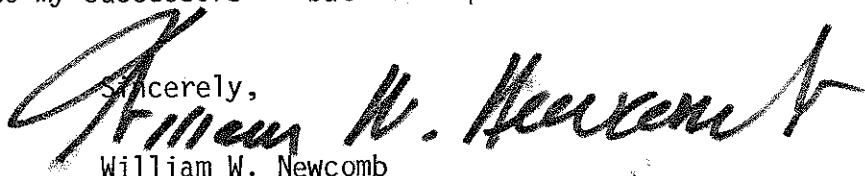
Mrs. George (Elizabeth) Dana, 4030 S. W. 58th Avenue, Portland, Oregon, 97221, will be attending the UU Assembly, as a delegate at Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine, which is scheduled for 21 to 27 this month. She will have the films, FOR THIS LAND IS MIND and ONE WAY TO BETTER CITIES to show in whatever room the UUA Assembly makes available to her. Mitchell Chanelis, Director of the Boston Henry George School, while not a Unitarian, will serve as projectionist and assistant.

Mrs. Margaret Winchester, whose department in the national UUA office oversees resolution matters, advised Mr. Schaefer that our Resolution may have been defeated because of its wording. This is highly possible. Sometimes we Georgist don't talk or write in a language that non-Georgists understand. Mr. Schaefer and Elizabeth Dana are asking all of you 24 co-sponsors of the 1982 Resolution to try your hand at writing a new draft, and from your suggestions it might be possible to submit a Resolution in 1983 that will win approval by the UU membership.

If you attend the Assembly, do let Elizabeth Dana know you are there. Do circulate and "sell" our idea of 1983. Take some literature with you. Elizabeth is now enroute by automobile to LITTLE WOHELO CAMP, South Casco, Maine, 04077, where she and her husband are on the summer staff. She will take three days off to attend the Assembly, and show the two films.

Please give your cooperation to my successors -- but do drop me a line occasionally.

Sincerely,



William W. Newcomb

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UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION

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1981 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

GENERAL (X)

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FROM:

Legal Name of Society

Address

ENDING THE ROOT CAUSE OF INFLATION AND POVERTY

WHEREAS land ownership is the biggest of today's tax shelters because land is so lightly taxed; WHEREAS overtaxing improvements and undertaxing land is a major cause of urban decay and slum formation, a big cause of land waste and sprawl and the cause of the premature sub-division of millions of outlying acres that should have been left open-country for farming and recreation until well into the twenty-first century;

WHEREAS land price inflation, subsidized by the undertaxation of land, is a major factor in the overall price inflation and, according to FORTUNE: "The inflation price of land raises the price of everything we buy including the soaring price of land for farming, the reason for the soaring cost of food"; WHEREAS land ownership is a highly concentrated form of wealth: (In California, one company owns more millions of acres of land than all the home-sites in the state, and nationwide 568 companies own 301,700,000 acres of land and nearly 22% of all privately owned land -- the cost to the nation amounts to two trillion dollars);

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the UUA urges that taxes on improvements be eliminated and taxes on land be raised substantially, thus requiring land speculators to pay their fair share of local government which, according to land economists, would automatically bring the soaring cost of land down to a reasonable price and thus halt most of America's inflation.

SIGNATURES

"Dear Mr. Newcomb:

Thank you for the material regarding the economics of land use and distribution. I am pleased that you are using our general resolutions process as a mechanism for expressing your views. I will follow the course of this process with interest."

EUGENE PICKETT -- President, UUA

October 21, 1981

CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP OF PROPONENTS: I certify that the persons who have signed this petition are members of:

Name of Society

Signature of Certifying Officer or Member

NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON TO WHOM CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF SPONSORS.