

To implement the comatose "Full Employment Act of 1946," with collateral benefits, of peace, ombudsmen, and monetary restitution

CRUSH THE INFAMOUS THING!

1. We should provide a surplus of opportunities to work, for every race, religion, nationality, and both sexes, by equalizing the annual charge, to all, of each production site of the same value.
2. Each producer, from an ample choice of opportunities, in various fields, can then obtain his true wage - the equivalent of his production - so that he can usually support himself, even without formal education, thus removing the need for thievery, prostitution, for living in a slum, for lack of medical and dental care, for the government's increasing expenditures on charity and repression.
3. To implement this situation, we should increase the assessment of the bare land, to equal its full annual rental value in five years (a value created by nature and community growth), leaving no unearned income to the landholder, no basis for more than a nominal sales price (the capitalization of the unassessed value), and so no basis for speculation and hoarding; the full assessment forcing all land into its best use, for whatever purpose, to pay the assessment; thus making it available to all at its true rental value, creating unlimited opportunities, and a demand for labor, rather than jobs.
4. The total ground rent, estimated at 60 to 90 billion dollars, should provide all local revenue, the surplus going to state and federal governments, and eliminating the need for inflation.
5. Taxes on improvements should progressively be reduced, to zero, as land value assessments increase, Other taxes on production should be reduced, with decreased military, charity and custodial demands.
6. We should stop tyrannizing the weak, and supporting firms which do not pay the true ground rent for foreign resources they are exploiting. Governments could then obtain and use their just income for public services, and decide how they wished to develop their own resources, thus removing the chief incentive to war - cheap concessions - and abusive treatment. (See "Conversations With Americans.")
7. A supervisory board of cyberneticians should bring order to our ecology, our treatment of land, our allocation of scarce minerals, our manifold pollutions, size and distribution of population, power use. (See "The Environmental Handbook" and "Moment in the Sun.")
8. Monetary restitution and therapeutic treatment must replace bestial prisons. Ombudsmen to check all official action. Polygraph tests to be accepted as evidence of innocence, or injury, warranting restitution; also as a check on the validity of teaching, and the honesty of government. (See "The Crime of Punishment" and "Truth and Deception.")