Freedom Economics

To the Henry George News:

Perhaps the Single Tax Propaganda of the past has been a little too much on the one-track order. You see, I say Single Tax, which probably dates me in the movement. But I do not quarrel about what we call it, just so we understand what we are talking about.

Maybe as a movement, the Single Tax should be one-track. We can get people to agree on the Single Tax who might not agree as to other things that need to be done. But I think we would all realize that there are other things which must be done. We cannot establish economic justice and fair play by the Single Tax alone.

My philosophy is one of what might be called "freedom economics." Free and open competition should be the regulator, and all the law-made barriers that stand in the way of the freest kind of competition should be prevented and abolished. Even in a free field there can be monopoly by agreement and conspiracy, so we need co-operatives to guarantee com-

petition.

It grieves me to see either Single Taxers or co-operators advocating measures that lead to more and more governmental interference and away from really-free enterprise. People in these groups should have more confidence in their professed beliefs, and greater faith that in a free and fair field things would work out all right without manhandling by the politicians.

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