

Massachusetts taxpayers passed in review before his dreamy eyes; mass taxpayers milling with—mulling about—"the Legislature in its wisdom;" at no time—in no instance—did an actual baboon appear before any legislative committee, nor take the time and opportunity to listen to House debates.

Other evidence, largely circumstantial, is printed in the advertisement, however, further to disprove the allegation of baboonity. Again to wit:

(1) "The Massachusetts tax bill has risen to the appalling figure of ONE MILLION DOLLARS A DAY."

This single, simple fact should be proof enow! Shouldnt it? I ask ya! Whoever heered tell of baboons boondoggling themselves with a milyun-bucks-a-day tax bill? 'S preposterous!

(2) "The State is reaching into your pocket, or bank balance, for THIRTY-FIVE DIFFERENT KINDS OF TAXES every year."

Laugh that one off! Why, 35 million baboons could never think of 35 diff'runt kinds of taxes in 35 milyun years! It requires Bay State, complex, intellectuality to create such complex tax methods. Point 2 for the plaintiffs.

(3) "Between 1920 and 1933 State governmental expenditures took a rise of 58 per cent—and they are still on the way up. The budget is still ballooning."

Didja ever hear of baboons "ballooning" a budget? Really, it should be needless to submit further proof of the dissimilarity between the Massachusetts Federation of Taxpayers and the "second order" (supra.)

(4) Finally, let it be known that the Massachusetts Federation of Taxpayers "is made up of local taxpayers associations from more than 200 cities and towns from the Cape to the Berkshires."

Mere numbers clinch the evidence. Again and again to wit: 200 associations, averaging 250 membership, total 50,000 victims from the several million inhabitants. I'm tellin' ya—there couldnt possibly be 50,000 baboons in Massachusetts. Such boons to population would have been obvious long before now, in our 300-year social development with its culture, eclat, succes d'estime, prestige, lustre, dignity, locus standi, eminence, deification, magni nominis umbra, etc., etc.

Your honor, the plaintiffs rest.

P.S.—The baboon's face, in the photo, bears an injured air. He may resent the implication. Our Sec-a-try of State has received no remonstrance, as yet, from the Baboon Ministry. Diplomatic circles are tense.

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HOW can a man be said to have a country where he has no right to a square inch of soil; where he has nothing but his hands, and, urged by starvation, must bid against his fellows for the privilege of using them?—"Social Problems."

Announcement: International Conference

LONDON, SEPTEMBER, 1936

WE are able to make the preliminary announcement that the International Union has decided to convene—The Fifth International Conference to Promote Land Value Taxation and Free Trade which will be held from September 1 to 4 this year, 1936, in London.

At its meeting in September last the Executive of the Union had given general approval to the idea of holding the Conference in London this summer but an important detail was that of the financial resources to bear the necessary expenses of preparation. The Finance Committee to which the matter was referred have been placed in the fortunate position of surmounting this initial obstacle, and this by a special donation received "for Conference purposes" by a prominent and generous supporter of the Union. The question remained—shall the Conference be organized for this year or next? and the unanimous decision was in favor of 1936.

A determining factor in the choice of date for the Conference was the holding of the Annual Henry George Commemoration at the same time, for which of course the most appropriate day is September 2.

Membership of the Conference is open to all who accept and approve the objects of the International Union—to stimulate in all countries a public opinion favorable to permanent peace and prosperity for all peoples through the progressive removal of the basic causes of poverty and war as these are demonstrated in the writings of Henry George. The Conference Membership fee will be ten shillings and members of the Union are invited to help in ensuring the success of the Conference with any special donations they feel free to give.

The Executive of the Union held a special meeting on March 4 to consider and plan the details of Conference arrangements.

Notice of intention to take personal part in the Conference should be sent to our offices, 94 Petty France, London, S.W.1. For those who are unable in any event to come to London, the roll will be open for honorary members and we urge every absent sympathizer to associate himself or herself with the Conference in that way.

Meanwhile we ask that this announcement be reprinted by all journals, in every country, devoted to Land Value Taxation and Free Trade so that intimation may be given to their readers and invitation conveyed to all with whom they are in touch.—Land and Liberty.

THE multitudes in the cities and towns of the country are being taxed savagely on their foodstuffs to provide money wherewith to bribe the farmers not to produce foodstuffs freely.

JOHN W. OWEN, in December *Atlantic*.