

## It's a Long Worm That Has No Turning

*That even lawyers are not immune to the legal irritants which irk the great body of citizens is the burden of this amusing contribution from HARRY WEINBERGER, member of the New York bar and a leader of national repute in the fight for economic freedom.*

★ LAWYERS should be the loudest advocates of Single Tax, and, if convinced as a class, they would undoubtedly be most effective in bringing about its adoption, since the membership of all state legislatures and Congress is largely made up of lawyers. Lawyers have the same troubles as their clients in the matter of taxes of every conceivable kind that are being imposed upon us. Lawyers cannot make money while their clients are not flourishing, and with continual and increasing taxes, business is becoming more and more over-burdened.

The following letter from a lawyer friend illuminates a dark subject with laughter. He writes:

In reply to your request for a check, I wish to inform you that the present condition of my bank account makes it almost impossible. My shattered financial condition is due to Federal laws, State laws, County laws, City laws, Town laws, Corporation laws, Liquor laws, Mother-in-laws, Brother-in-laws, Sister-in-laws, and Outlaws.

Through these laws I am compelled to pay a business tax, amusement tax, head tax, school tax, light tax, water tax, furniture tax, excise tax, and sales tax. Even my brains are taxed. I am required to get a business license, car license, truck license, liquor license, not to mention a marriage license and a dog license.

I am also required to contribute to every society and organization which the genius of man

is capable of bringing to life; to women's relief, unemployment relief and the gold diggers' relief. Also to every hospital and charitable institution in the city, including the Red Cross, the Purple Cross and the Double Cross.

For my own safety I am required to carry life insurance, property insurance, liability insurance, burglary insurance, accident insurance, business insurance, earthquake insurance, tornado insurance, unemployment insurance, old age insurance, fire insurance and compensation insurance.

My business is so governed that it is no easy matter for me to find out who owns it. I am inspected, expected, suspected, required, summoned, fined, commanded and compelled, until I provide an inexhaustible supply of money for every known need, desire or hope of the human race.

Simply because I refuse to donate to something or other, I am boycotted, talked about, lied about, held up and held down and robbed until I am almost ruined.

I can tell you honestly that except for the miracle that just happened, I could not enclose this check. The wolf that comes to my door has just had pups in the kitchen. I sold the pups and here is the money.

*Let no one imagine that he has no influence. Whoever he may be, and wherever he may be placed, the man who thinks becomes a light and a power.*

HENRY GEORGE