

How to Get Rid of Taxes

TOTAL TAX RELIEF, by Raymond Abrams. Carlton Press, New York, 1986. Price \$7.95.

This new book is an original and effective way of introducing the Georgist reform. It begins with something everybody knows - the income tax. After a brief historical introduction, Mr. Abrams sets forth an impressive amount of data showing how bad the income tax is from many points of view. He also points out the efforts of many taxpayers to elude this unfair tax - tax deviants, tax avoiders, tax rebels. Then he shows how we can have "total tax relief" through a formula he calls L.O.V.E., Lease Our Valuable Earth. Supporting data is presented on the merits of tapping the rent of land for public revenue.

The economic underpinnings of this proposal are then explained - the laws of production and distribution as expounded by Henry George. Favorable quotations on George's ideas by prominent persons are provided. An interesting "extra" is an examination of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights, showing how far short the world is from practicing these rights - including the wrong of the income tax.

Mr. Abrams was a student of the Henry George School 40 years ago and the lessons have remained with him. He has long sought a way to effectively present the ideas to the public - and this book is the result. To a comprehensive understanding of the fundamentals he has added the fruits of much research and cogitation. This valuable book is available at the list price of \$7.95 postpaid from the Henry George Institute, 5 E. 44th St., New York, NY 10017.