

More On Charity

From Clay Berling, Berkeley, California

I WAS most impressed with Nancy Hall ("On Becoming A Georgist") in your January edition. I spent 36 years "in ignorance." There is no question but that every newspaper brings news to me in a light which I had never realized before.

As a "liberal" I have fought the good fight, always realizing something was missing, and now have found it. I am still a liberal in the sense of freedom of the individual and desire to share the bounty of life with all my fellow men.

Unfortunately I find that the vast majority of my fellow citizens are in the boat I used to be and go blithely on their way aggravating the situation and never coming to grips with the real problem. At the rate we are going the patient may die before we can ever administer the antidote. So this leads me to believe that perhaps we are forced to contribute some aspirin to the patient to reduce the fever and keep him alive, even though not cured. To this end I find myself still involved in "do-gooder" activities such as Mrs. Hall describes. At the same time, how-

Lengthy replies, too voluminous for a letter page and replete with classical quotations, have sprung to the defense of Nancy Hall, whose article in the January HGN was called "sprightly and full of good commonsense" by Mabel L. Rees.

ever, I also find my schedule making room for some real George activities. Every convinced Georgist should be out teaching basic classes and "converting" their friends, jumping on legislative battles which have Georgist principles, or at least giving some sympathy to those who do.

Here in California, as in many other places, we find the "new Left" trying to tear down the society in the vain hope that a better one will rise out of the ashes. I understand their frustration, but shudder at their naivete. I use every chance I get to chat with both Left and Right about the real problem. I find both sides are motivated by similar feelings. With battle flags flying they keep charging into each other. I am one of those "radicals" who tries to show true reasons for our problems and bring the two ends together in a constructive progressive society.

From Claire Gray, Winter Park, Florida

THE article by Nancy Hall was excellent and convinces me that one is wasting his time working for causes that aren't basic. Of course with the injustices created by private ownership of land it takes a "heap" of work trying to overcome them. We certainly don't lack the knowledge of how to create a more just society for all; we lack the will, the spirit and the self discipline.

Gurdjieff says in *Meetings With Remarkable Men* that we all have the

wolf and the lamb in us. Aldous Huxley hits the nail on the head when he says in *Brave New World Revisited*: "Almost all of us long for peace and freedom; but very few of us have much enthusiasm for the thoughts, feelings and actions that make for peace and freedom. Conversely almost nobody wants war and tyranny; but a great many people find an intense pleasure in the thoughts, feelings and actions that make for war and tyranny."