

To the Editor:

It may be that Georgists in other continents will be pleased to hear about a colorful figure who attained his seventieth birthday on October 4, 1951. Pavlos Giannelias was born of Greek and French descent in Vienna. He served in the Greek diplomatic service, chiefly in Vienna, from 1920 to the second German war. He forfeited his professional career by aiding the escape of strangers who had murdered Nazi police. Since that time he has been a journalist, lecturer and business representative—never quite overtaken by Nazi rule, not permitted to go home.

His work as a Georgist began in 1917, as a disciple of Adolph Damaschke, when with Sitke, Folke, Richard and other European leaders, he opposed the T. G. Shearman policy of "all social value to title deed holders, save for thrifty public needs." He considers the remedy of Henry George—"To abolish all taxation save that upon land values"—to be interpreted in such a way that the abolition of the noxious methods of taxation is imperative and indispensable.

Mr. Giannelias served with distinction as an interpreter with the American forces in Europe in the first World War. As a Greek diplomat he was privileged to meet H. R. H. Princess Alice, sister of Lord Mountbatten and mother of the Duke of Edinburgh, a lovely and talented lady whose physiocracy has always been frank and outspoken.

His studies in many languages have included research on Georgist traces and sympathies in the records of Solon, the Greek Moses; in the Greek New Testament, in Byzantine fiscal-agrarian structure and in the military codes and tenures on the imperial frontier of Croatia and even in the *Faust* of Goethe.

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