

Why It's a Tough Job

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In the Spring Georgist Journal, some quotes from the press were presented, and here are my comments on them:

In the first item, it was said that "most people would gain taxwise under Land Value Taxation." This is obvious; the problem is that the very few people who would not gain under LVT are the ones with the power and they control the media, the universities, the political parties, etc. It is true that there is a lot of ignorance about LVT. But it is programmed ignorance, and if we became too successful in our efforts to combat it, we can expect any tactic that can be devised to shut us up.

In the second item, it is said that "George's proposal" is "more practical." Naturally. That's why they're scary. They would work.

In the third item, it is stated that George's theory has been "persistently ignored by government leaders." No accident. What it boils down to is that George would not benefit the Trilaterals. It would break their power more than a communist revolution. After all, Russia, North Korea and the rest are in hock to the banks that are the key structures in the Trilateral set-up.

Let's not be naive. What we are talking about is the biggest threat that exists to the power elite. It would solve the problems they have created and erode their power. Since they cannot disprove it or make it appear immoral, the most effective tactic is to create the impression that it doesn't exist or is just pie in the sky.

In the Bible, those who had a stake in proving that Moses was out of date - from Omri and Ahab to Ananias and Pilate - all had one thing in common - they were ready to shed blood if they could not silence their opponents any other way. But reducing their opponents to poverty and political helplessness was the preferred technique. It works in most places, but the Jews were so stubborn that it took a lot of bloodshed to silence people and get their land away from them.

We have a powerful idea and should not succumb to the temptation that failure is the only safe course. Now if we can convince the Trilaterals that it is to their interest, we won't have to sell anybody else. But that's like trying to convince Seagram's that they should work for prohibition!