

Freedom From Financial Worries

Babson Discusses the Wallace Speech

New York City, Sept. 24—(Spl.)—All of us want to be free from worry about jobs or sickness or a poverty-stricken old age. We also want to see peace among workers, farmers and businessmen; and to secure freedom for venture capital and protection against monopolies or unreasonable government regulations. These are splendid goals for Vice President Wallace and the rest of us to seek; but history teaches this simple fact: Only as the percentage of people who own their own home and garden and have three or more children and live by a sane religion increases are such goals attainable.

Land Is Basis Of All Security

Although both children and religion are necessary for security; I will this week discuss only land. The soil is the basis of all security; yes, without land there would be no children nor religion! I am especially anxious to discuss land assessments and taxes. Readers will remember that some weeks ago, when discussing this subject, I asked them to write me as to how "land assessments" in their counties compare with actual values; also whether they had rather buy or sell land at the present time.

I am pleased to report that 70% of my replying readers want to buy land and only 30% want to sell. This shows that people are beginning to think wisely. Those desiring to buy predominate in the south and west where the assessments are low enough so that people can afford to own and work the soil. Those desiring to sell predominate in the east. The replies indicate a strong desire to move out of the big cities into open spaces where people can have a little garden, fresh air and sunshine.

Where Are The Best Opportunities?

The largest group of people want to buy land in Texas. This means either that Texas assessments are abnormally low, or else more people think Texas has the best future of all the states. One correspondent suggests that Texas, in 75 years, will have a majority of the U. S. house of representatives. With her climate, soil, oil, sea-

coast and airfields, this may be true. Next to Texas, the replies prefer Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia and the state of Washington, in this respective order. This means that, either the land assessments in these states are low or else their people are getting land hungry. Hence, these states may be headed for a land boom. I also had a host of postal cards from people in Washington, D. C., who are frantic to buy property. They write that Washington is now having a temporary real estate boom.

Massachusetts leads all the states for the number of replies from those desiring to sell real estate. They claim assessments in Massachusetts are too high; they would be thankful for a chance to get out at present assessed values. Other eastern states feel the same as do the people of Massachusetts. Incidentally, more postal cards have come from people in Florida, who desire to sell, than from people there who desire to buy. This may mean that the coming Florida boom may not be "just around the corner." Due to its socialistic experiments, there is also an excess of sellers in Wisconsin. A land boom has already started in California.

Basing Dollars On Tax Bills

My study demonstrates two things: (1) That there is great injustice and non-uniformity in present land assessments, and (2) That we should talk about "tax bills" instead of "assessments." In fact, I wish again to forecast that the time may

come when the American dollar will be based on land exchangeable, either way, at the rate of 40 times the tax bill. Such a dollar would mean something and encourage land owners. I repeat that the security of America is proportional to the percentage of people owning their own home and garden.

Although some of us conservatives may look upon Mr. Wallace as a dreamer; he, nevertheless, interprets the desires of a great many people. I am surprised at receiving so many postals upon which were written these words: "I would like neither to buy nor sell but to be able to retain the property I have earned and paid for by hard work." Yet the Roosevelt administration has done much to help people along these lines. The Securities and Exchange Commission, the Federal Land Banks, the lowering of interest rates and various other legislation have been in their favor. Land owners, however, should now do their part by working their land, raising good families and going to church.

Land, Family, God Are Real Security

Just one more thought: Many postal cards have a P. S. saying that Henry George's ideas must some day be considered. Clippings of statements by England's Archbishop of Canterbury and other prominent men along these lines are also being sent to me. All of these things are signs that bonds, stock certificates and bank books are gradually losing their charm and that people are coming to think more of fertile land, good families and sane religion. Since last writing on this subject, I, therefore, have become quite an optimist; and I especially now thank all who sent me postal cards. The American people are okay if we will cut out propaganda and give them a chance to do some real thinking as to what are real assets.

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Use Mail Tribune Want Ads.

ATHLETIC OFFICER BECOMES CAPTAIN

Camp White, Ore., Sept. 24—Joseph Buda, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Buda of East Chicago, Ind., has recently been promoted to the rank of captain, according to Headquarters, Camp White, where he is stationed with the 80th General Hospital. The promotion was coupled with a visit of his wife, the former Wanda Wojtas, of Chicago, who pinned the two silver bars to his shoulder.

Captain Buda has been the athletic and recreation officer, as well as the sports king-pin, in the 80th General Hospital since his arrival in December, 1942. An athlete himself, he has gained the respect of all sports enthusiasts in the detachment, as well as the admiration of every man.

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