

ipal finance is derived from rates on site values. The first requirement is a sophisticated technique of land valuation which may be readily checked, as with land maps publicly displayed where rate payers can compare their

assessments.

In a word, it is time to begin to apply George's proposed remedy. Capitalization of privilege and monopoly is an ancient wrong, its reversal should be our main objective.

"Don't Feed the Bears"

IN a "Sermon for Children" William L. Edelen, in the February Freeman, related this true story told to him by a ranger in Yellowstone Park. It caught the attention of English Georgists who reprinted it in their April HGS magazine published in London.

Each year after the tourists leave and the snows come, dozens of bears die along the roads and the park rangers carry them off and bury them. Why do they die? They are waiting for the accustomed handouts of cookies, candy and bread. Sadly they sit and wait by the side of the road, but the tourists do not come and so they die.

For they have forgotten how to prepare for winter. They do not go into the woods to dig for themselves whatever they can in order to survive until spring. The free handouts have destroyed their native self reliance.

Can this happen to people?

The author says: "There are some things in life that can't be borrowed, that can't be given to us. No one can prepare your mind for you or study for you. No one else can develop your talents for you. No one can do your praying for you or develop your relationship with God for you. No one can do your daily work for you. The most important things in life you must do for yourself."

To sit idly by the road and wait for parents or the government or the church to give things to you is to die as the Yellowstone bears die.

In a U.S. student publication, The

Gargoyle (HGS of NJ, June-July), Oscar Johannsen, in "Youth on the March," observes that the young do not know what the cancer is that is gnawing at our civilization. It is the unjust system of land tenure that denies access to opportunities which should be available to all.

The older generation is beginning to feel insecure. Though not proud of the way things are going, they doubt if the young would do any better, since many of them seem to be turning to socialism.

Our society is far from perfect, he says, but so far superior in every way to socialism that one wonders how any intelligent person could consider it, particularly when the deficiencies of Soviet Russia and Red China are so apparent.

The danger he sees is that a reaction could result in repressive measures which would destroy all freedom. The people will stand just so much disorder, then they will demand action. The older generation has the money and power to enforce its will if pushed too far.

He hopes that cooler heads will prevail—that the young will learn to express their dissent peacefully in ways which will not give others the excuse to bear down with brute force. In turn the older generation should be reasonable and try to understand what the young are saying. Possibly out of such a dialogue some appreciation could come of the cause and cure of the cancer in our midst.