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### Two Summer Meetings Spark Further Activities in California

By D. P. Hoffman

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From a School of Living Speaker—Our Modern Cities Are Dying; Future Decentralization Will Be Necessary

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Our great cities are dying in the center. The city, an ever increasing number of people, the mental and physically ill. Urban life is no longer an escape to an increase of crime and smog plus a loss of other factors actually change the ecology under which we live. The tax situation is also frightening. It appears that a reclusive rural culture has unleashed the evils of Pan-Americanism. This sounds like a pessimistic picture but so did the successful campaign speeches about "freedom" when he ran for majority of the City Council.

The betrayal of the materialistic culture is becoming apparent to the rest of the world, and we are fast losing our moral leadership. This starting fact is the end of the most famous social and philosophical thinkers, including Spengler, Sorokin, Torey, Schubert and Schweitzer. These people believe that our materialistic culture which has been matured since 1870, morally can not lead to the necessary peace this nation needs to survive. This moral leadership is inexorable to come from the East.

Early American Communities

Historically, America has been home to many social communities such as these advocated by Henry George. These communities usually occurred as a result of a religious belief. They were successful because of the few people who voluntarily opposed the propaganda to make us think otherwise. The only reason many of these people were successful is that their youth would not necessarily follow the teachings of their parents in an expanding and changing world economy. The temptation was too great to follow the materialistic American culture of the post Civil War era.

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