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Citizen's Housing & Planning Council of New York (1960 study, 22pp., 10 detailed tables, p. 19): "It is our opinion, based upon all of the various facets of this tax policies study, that the idea of exempting all improvements from taxation has much to commend it."

LIFE Magazine (12/24/65 editorial): "Rewarded also by [the current] tax system are the speculators who, because of low land taxes, can afford to hold land out of use until the city's growth forces up its price. This is a direct cause of 'urban sprawl,' as developers reach out for lower-priced land while bypassing idle land that is closer to the city but whose owner is not ready to sell.... Such a reform, says Professor Mason Gaffney of the University of Wisconsin, "should enable many families to enjoy low-density living much closer in to the city and so save the millions of hours wasted driving home past vacant or semi-vacant lots."

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## Letters

Our Feb. 2002 issue printed an article on "Combating Terrorism" which listed five examples of anti-U.S. terrorism that would seem to justify U.S. military response. We received three critical letters, one each from the United States, New Zealand, and Canada (we invite letters from readers and consider them all carefully).

IT reader Jean Smith of Canada wrote, in part:

"I'm sending along some money because I appreciate much of what you people are doing which costs money...unfortunately [your article] reinforces the widely held opinion that Americans think that their lives are of more value than that of other people. What happened on September 11th was dreadful and for that you have our sympathy but compared to the carnage caused by US actions in many parts of the world the numbers killed in New York are of far less magnitude."

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