

## Re: Physicist Robert Bacher Dies at 99!

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On Mon, 22 Nov 2004 15:26:08 -0700, in a place far, far away, Hop David <hopspageHATESSPAaMmM@tabletoptelephone.com> made the phosphor on my monitor glow in such a way as to indicate that:

>>>*I would guess that every piece of real estate on this planet has  
>>>exchanged hands via conquest. If it's OK to steal land from thieves,  
>>>then nobody has any property rights.*

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>> *The aboriginal Americans, for the most part, didn't even have a  
>> concept of property rights when it came to land.*

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>*What's your point?*

That it's meaningless to say that we \*stole\* it from them. We committed some regrettable crimes against them, including the occasional mass murder, but taking their land, which even they didn't consider theirs, isn't one of them, and they were hardly innocent themselves.