

whom he might influence communicate those names to him, if addresses are in New York or vicinity. He is Mr. Max Berkowitz, and may be addressed at the School.

The hope behind this is that we may begin to provide adequately for a director and paid staff to carry on the work as soon as may be.

Returning to our thought of this Great Adventure upon which Oscar Geiger embarked three years ago, these words of Ulysses from the *Odyssey* come to mind:—

“For my purpose holds
To sail beyond the sunset, and the baths
Of all the western stars, until I die.
It may be that the gulfs will wash us down,
It may be we shall touch the Happy Isles,
And see the great Achilles, whom we knew.”

Only there was no “may be”—in his understanding of the journey to the Happy Isles, for there he believed he *would* see the great Achilles whom he knew, and followed in this Great Adventure. And I, for one, believe he now has seen him, and trust to a spiritual leadership of both these great-hearted souls in the widening and working-out of our growing Henry George Fellowship, with this School as its centre in America.

Join with us, join now and know a peace that passes understanding, at having lined up with the forces of Ormuzd against Ahriman—the Prince of Light against the Powers of Darkness.

“Strong soul and high endeavor, the world needs them now.”

Let us “Move Forward”—together—and **Send Aid to the School.**

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IN the art of getting revenue by a tax on wealth the bandit, Dillinger, is an expert. He knows how to enforce the rule about taxing in accordance with ability to pay and he does it. And the government which gets its own revenue by methods based on principles similar to Dillingers is trying to punish him. It would be more consistent to put him in charge of public revenue collecting.

MARK TWAIN once advised a diet of whales to a person in need of brain food. On considering the person's deficiency he added however that the whales need not be more than of average size in his case. Had Mark been advising the Brain Trust he would not have suggested whales, but the need, as in Jonah's case, of the special creation of a fish enormous enough to supply the requirements.

A LEGISLATOR who does not scruple to vote for a dishonest tax law can not be relied upon to be scrupulous in other matters.

Address at Commencement Dinner of the Henry George School, June 7, 1934

By HELEN D. DENBIGH

MR. GEIGER, leader of the newly formed Henry George Fellowship, Members of that Fellowship and Friends:

It is with a deep appreciation of the significance of our presence here tonight that I shall speak of our School and some of its most recent activities.

The Henry George School of Social Science is a school where devotion to an idea prevails; where sincerity pervades the atmosphere, and facts are faced; a place where selfishness is ruled out; where faith revives and reason reigns.

It is a place which has frequently seemed to me, since I found it last October, to be the *sanest* spot in this city. It carries healing in its message, which would bring Peace, Joy, Opportunity and Security to men. Of this, its student body has become convinced under the patient, skilled, wise teaching of the Henry George theory by the director, Oscar Geiger.

In the words of an observer, Frank Chodorov, “The Henry George School of Social Science is the hope of the continued life of our movement.”

Is it any wonder that a feeling should spring up of the value of and need for fellowship with the other students attending, in some cases, other classes in the School,—as we realized the new point of view we were *all* getting and sensed the fine spirit of generosity, and understanding in this or that one, and began to appreciate the sterling qualities of others?

How interesting for instance it was to learn that one student had brought twelve of his friends to the course; that another had induced fifteen of his business acquaintances to come with him that they might study this theory together; that a third had given of his best efforts for weeks to help young students find their way to the Free Discussion Group.

Is this kind of thing usual?

Its very unusualness points to power somewhere.

In the message? In the teacher?

In *both*, in this most fortunate of Schools.

As an outcome of this feeling of a need for Fellowship the *spirit of service* to this great cause was born, for we soon learned how much the School,—and so the whole Henry George movement—needed us.

On Thursday, April 19, exactly seven weeks ago tonight—a date which may become historic in this movement—there was held in the main classroom of the School a meeting of the Part II Students.

It was found to be their common feeling that at the School itself there burned a light, which might become

the strongest of influences to pierce the darkness of men's minds at this crisis in the world's history.

We realized we had a leader, consecrated to the ideals of this great American Social Philosopher, Henry George,—a leader equipped by heart and mind, and soul, and training. Yet this very work for mankind was in peril from lack of funds! and this light might fail.

No. Round him there rallied this group of his student-friends determined to help forward this work. Twenty of them became members of the Student Alumni Council, organized to act as a strong, vigorous advisory body, interesting itself in the physical ways and means of the School, and by them a message was prepared and sent out on May 28, inviting five thousand known followers of Henry George throughout the nation to join them in forming a Henry George Fellowship,—the purpose of which is:—

"To draw into closer bonds of Unity and Effort the true followers of Henry George, to the end that others may be enabled to see the star they see—that star that foretells the Dawn of a Day when their cause for the ultimate freedom of man shall triumph."

A call to answer to the Muster Roll of this Fellowship was a part of this invitation. (And may I tell those of you who have responded to this already, how gratefully your response has been received! It is a proof that the dreamers have not dreamed in vain!)

Announcement was also made of a plan for contributing towards whole or partial Free Scholarships at the School—to be offered to unemployed teachers, ministers, college students and others.

It is early to predict results, but I am told the response is greater to date than to that of any previous appeal, covering the same amount of time.

Our School has a library in the building stage and I wish to request for it books, and yet more books!

The granting of our permanent charter to take the place of our provisional one by the University of the State of New York, will come up in three more years, and is partly dependent upon our having a well equipped library. Mr. Bolton Hall, Chairman of the Library Committee, will gratefully accept such books as were designated in the circular that followed the message, and which are also most completely described in the May-June issue of LAND AND FREEDOM in that splendid article on our School, which I read with great pleasure last night.

One more school activity in the making remains to be mentioned—and that a most pregnant one. Some of the students intend to continue next year at the School as members of a Seminar, thinking and discussing together with Mr. Geiger as leader along various lines of thought not strictly sociological in nature, but of interest to members of the group.

To some of us, this was a wonderful appeal,—and its outcome—who knows?—*if to think truly is truly to live!*

The Student Alumni Council wishes to invite every

known follower of the Henry George movement in this country into this Fellowship, and will be most grateful for lists of names to be checked with the School list. If these lists of names are sent to the School the mailing will be done from there.

Nor is this Fellowship within the borders of our own great country our only hope. We now have a wider vision. Remembering that—"The Earth is the Birth-right of All Mankind"—may we not trust that leaders in the Henry George movement in Canada, England, Denmark, New Zealand, Australia and other countries, will be led to call their Muster Rolls and so join in what may thus become a world-wide Henry George Fellowship?

"He who will hear, to him the clarions of the battle call. How they call and call and call. Strong soul and high endeavors, the world needs them now."

Much depends upon us. Let us act well our part.

On the evening when our Fellowship is in one of its most impressionable and formative stages, I feel I must read a short passage from "Progress and Poverty"—familiar to some of you for years, to some for a year only.

(Miss Denbigh then read forty lines of "The Central Truth" from "Progress and Poverty," book X).

Let us catch the vision again together, and holding it—Move Forward!—which I hereby suggest as the slogan of our great Fellowship.

An Interesting Letter

THE following letter addressed to the Sleepy Garment Mills at Centreville, Mich., was sent by our friend H. W. Noren of Pittsburgh, and a copy forwarded to President Roosevelt:

Thanks for your offer to send us tags with NRA for such of your garments as were received previous to the enactment of the NRA code. You need not send us any. At the present rate of turn-over we will be five years selling old stocks of merchandise of all kinds of which none has any NRA tags.

NRA stands for the all-inclusive aim of the Federal Administration of which the AAA or Agriculture Adjustment Act is a part. This act provides pay for landholders who hold land idle, reduce crop acreage and for destruction of crops. I am told that in our city slaughter-houses throw little pigs into grease vats to be reduced to fertilizer on the order and payment of the Federal government.

Sooner or later this wanton destruction of the products of toil will be known even to the twenty million people in want of food and clothes and the NRA may become a detestable telltale and sign of the worst Administration in United States history.

In 1879 Henry George gave to the world his immortal code for social laws. One must go back to the laws of Moses to find anything of like importance. That George was born in these United States, or ever wrote anything, seems not to be known to anyone connected with the present Democratic Administration.

In their frantic effort to help landholders they have inflicted upon us a lot of clap trap rules to govern our conduct and adopted in large the age-old communist ideas of primitive man as worked over by Karl Marx and his present day followers of university professors. But even in this application of Marxism they violate Marxism itself for apparently the express purpose of benefitting no one save landholders.

The laws of Moses and the code of George they tramp under foot. Perhaps it is true, that whom the gods would destroy they first make mad.