

## HENRY GEORGE COMMEMORATION DINNER

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"At this gathering it should be proper to recall the first World Economic Conference, convened by the League of Nations at Geneva eight years ago. The professed aim of that gathering of the statesmen of more than 50 nations was to find a solution of the vast stagnation of trade, the increased unemployment and unhappiness of the masses in all lands, and the removal of the root causes of armed conflicts that might again disturb the peaceful progress of civilization.

"We should be proud that the international organization of the followers of Henry George from its London office sent to Geneva at that time an able Committee presenting a statement printed in many languages, vividly revealing the economic causes of War and Industrial Depression, and the logical cure therefor.

"The argument there presented by our International Union was unanswerable in its clarity and truthfulness, and might still be taken as a guide and admonition for enlightened statesmanship in every country. But because the views to which we then gave expression were rejected or ignored at that Conference, as at subsequent similar gatherings that have ended only in speeches and futility, the civilized world remains in a state of economic confusion and political perplexity and in sight of the danger of new wars that threaten civilization everywhere.

"May I, for myself, as well as for many others on this side of the ocean, express the happiness we feel that your splendid associate in the Cause, my dear friend Arthur Madsen, is soon to cross the Atlantic to attend a Congress of the Georgeists of the United States. A warm welcome awaits him there, when we also hope soon to have the felicity of greeting Mr Folke, that splendid leader of the Danish movement for social justice and economic freedom."