

Henry George Congress To Meet In New York

DISCIPLES of Henry George from all sections will gather in New York City, September 12, 13, and 14, for the Second Annual Henry George Congress. This meeting place is particularly appropriate as the year 1927 marks the thirtieth anniversary of the death of the great founder of the Single Tax movement and recalls the second of his memorable campaigns for the Mayoralty of New York.

Invitations have been mailed to several thousand persons and early returns indicate a large attendance and that all parts of the United States and Canada will be represented. All sessions will be held at the Hotel Pennsylvania, where admirable facilities have been provided for the annual banquet, luncheons, conferences and public meetings which are scheduled for the three-day convention.

While the formulation of the final programme awaits responses from a large number of prominent persons invited to address the Congress the following speakers may be announced at this time as among those from whom definite acceptances have already been received:

Jakob E. Lange, noted author and lecturer of Odense, Denmark, Hon. Charles O'Connor Hennessy, President of the International Union, Jose Miguel Bejarano, Secretary of the Mexican Chamber of Commerce of the United States, Mrs. Anna George de Mille, Hon. Frederic C. Howe, Hon. Lawson Purdy, Frank Stephens, Frederic C. Leubuscher, Hon. George H. Duncan, George E. Evans, President of the Henry George Foundation, Miss Grace Isabel Colbron, Hon. Warren Worth Bailey, Dr. James H. Dillard, Miss Charlotte Schetter, Charles H. Ingersoll, Hon. John J. Murphy, Hon. Edward Polak, Joseph Dana Miller, Miss Amy Mali Hicks, Bolton Hall, Ernest B. Gaston, Benjamin C. Marsh, Cornelius D. Scully, Charles R. Eckert, Harold Sudell, Alfred N. Chandler, Charles LeBaron Goeller, Will Atkinson, Oscar H. Geiger, Robert C. Macauley, Allan C. Thompson, Herman G. Loew, Frank T. Stirlith and Whidden Graham.

Among other notables whom the Convention Committee expects to obtain as speakers are United States Senator Woodbridge N. Ferris, recently elected a trustee of the Henry George Foundation, Dr. W. E. Macklin, of Nankin, China, translator of "Progress and Poverty" into Chinese and intimate associate of Chinese statesmen, and Hon. Samuel Seabury, former Judge of the New York Court of Appeals.

Letters expressing regret at their inability to attend the Congress have been received from Hon. Newton D. Baker, Hon. Louis F. Post, Hon. Clarence C. Dill, Hon. David I. Walsh, Hon. George W. Norris, John Z. White, Orville Wright and Allan T. Burns.

All arrangements for the Congress are in charge of the Convention Committee, of which Joseph Dana Miller,

editor of LAND AND FREEDOM, is chairman, with the following members: John J. Murphy, Edward Polak, Charlotte O. Schetter, Amy Mali Hicks, Will Atkinson, Benjamin W. Burger, Thomas P. Beggs, Josiah Dadley, Paul de Moll, Wm. B. Du Bois, Warren Worth Bailey, Charles R. Eckert, Mrs. M. Cebelia L'Hommedieu, Charles H. Ingersoll, Herman G. Loew, Dr. Mark Milliken, James F. Morton, Louis B. Parsons, Thomas Ryan, William Ryan, Cornelius D. Scully, John H. Scully, Harold Sudell, and Alan C. Thompson.

Chairman Miller has appointed the following as members of the Press and Publicity Committee: Whidden Graham, Chairman, Charles LeBaron Goeller, Stephen Bell, Grace Isabel Colbron, Warren Worth Bailey, Chester C. Platt, Edmund Vance Cooke, William Everett Hicks, Gavin D. High, Lincoln Steffens, James Malcolm, George Geiger and Charles H. Ingersoll.

These committees have made ambitious plans and are working hard to make the New York Convention a big success. They invite co-operation and suggestions from all friends of the cause.

For reservations and general information, communicate with the office of the Henry George Foundation, Percy R. Williams, Secretary, 1306 Berger Building, Pittsburgh, Pa.

EXHIBIT OF MEMORABILIA

There will be placed on exhibition at the Congress in the Hotel Pennsylvania, through the courtesy of Benjamin W. Burger, a fine collection of Henry George memorabilia, including many rare manuscripts, books newspapers and pictures gathered from all corners of the world. This exhibit will be of great interest to all followers of the great philosopher and founder of the Single Tax movement.

Josephus Daniels, former Secretary of the Navy, writes as follows:

"Upon my return to the city I find your esteemed favor of July 20 in which you do me the honor to invite me to speak at the second annual Henry George Congress to be held at the Hotel Pennsylvania in New York City on September 13, 14 and 15.

"I consider this a very high honor because I regard Henry George as one of the greatest thinkers and leaders of his day. I very much regret that my engagements are such as to compel me to decline this invitation which I value most highly."

From a letter received from Dr. W. E. Macklin we extract the following:

"I should consider it a great honor to have my name associated with such a galaxy of great names I hold in high esteem.

"I have an appointment to a convention in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, from the 13-15th of September and will try my best to be in New York before the 15th, but I am not absolutely sure. In leaving China I saved 2 boxes of my

translation of Progress and Poverty and Protection or Free Trade. I am asking Mr. B. W. Burger to take charge of them. They will help in working with prominent Chinese in this country."

Visit of Jakob E. Lange

JAKOB E. LANGE, of Odense, Denmark, who comes to deliver lectures under the auspices of the Country Life in America Association, which is holding an international conference at East Lansing, Michigan, in August, is also to make an address at the Institute of Politics, Williamstown, Mass. Mr. Lange is a prominent figure in the educational system of Denmark, and at present head of the Husmansskolen at Odense, a high school specializing in technical and practical education for small farmers. He is the author of various text books, including a work based upon the philosophy and economics set forth in "Progress and Poverty" by Henry George. He has written and lectured much upon practical agriculture and the efficient cooperative marketing system in Denmark. Recently at the request of an organization headed by Lloyd George, Mr. Lange made a study of and report upon conditions affecting the small farmers of Great Britain. He expects, while in this country, to make an extensive study of the farming situation here. Before his return to Denmark, Mr. Lange will be the guest of the Henry George Foundation at a banquet on September 13th at the Hotel Pennsylvania, this city.

Jakob E. Lange first became acquainted with the teachings of Henry George when he was a young student of Botany at Kew Gardens, London. That was in 1886. He read "Progress and Poverty" and the book not only made a powerful impression upon him, but has influenced his whole life. In 1888, he first raised the standard of Henry George's teaching in Denmark by writing articles in the weekly journal of the Danish Folk High Schools, and for a year or more the controversy continued in which Jakob Lange showed his profound knowledge of the subject and his ability to reply to every objection. In 1889, when Henry George came to England, Lange paid a special visit to that country in order to take part in his meetings. He became personally acquainted with George, and the close friendship between the two was continued afterwards in correspondence.

The agitation in Denmark which started in 1888 had other pioneers as well, particularly V. Ullmann, a Norwegian, who first translated "Progress and Poverty" into the Danish-Norwegian language. Later, Lange made his own translation of "Progress and Poverty" into pure Danish, and somewhat abbreviated the book in the course of translation. Lange's version is the text-book which has done more than anything else to promote the cause in Denmark. Lange also translated the "Condition of Labor," the third edition of which is dated 1907. He is also the author of

a very excellent text-book on Political Economy, which has been and is being used widely in Folk High Schools in Denmark and in other scholastic circles. Lange has written a number of Single Tax pamphlets, the latest of which is his "Unemployment." It would be difficult to tell briefly all that Lange has done to promote the cause. He is the outstanding figure in the movement in Denmark, and has shown great gifts of leadership as a practical man, an able politician, and a devoted disciple. He is equipped with a fundamental knowledge of the subject.

Apart from Lange's interest in our movement and his place there, he is a renowned authority on Botany and Physics and has written a standard work on the Fungus in Denmark. Added to these gifts, he is a scholar so far as the English language is concerned, which he writes and speaks with great fluency.

In all his interests he has the competent help and close association of Mrs. Lange.

Lange, as a younger man, was a teacher in the Folk High School at Dalum, near Odense, and in that capacity he did his pioneer work for the George movement. He is now and has been for many years Principal at the Folk High School at Odense, which was built and is owned by the "Housemen", or small peasants of the Island of Funen in Denmark.

Pittsburgh Club Activities

THE Henry George Club, of Pittsburgh, which holds a luncheon meeting every Friday, winter and summer, has been conducting a summer school in Single Tax economics and philosophy, as well as in methods of presentation and the present series will be continued till September.

County Controller Charles C. McGovern addressed the club on June 3rd on "Reclaiming Farmland," advocating lower taxes on agricultural land. On June 10th, Dr. William J. Van Essen, a member of the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party, discussed the principal factors causing decline of past civilizations.

Attorney William N. McNair, who is shortly sailing for Europe, gave an address on "Prosperity for the Farmer" at the meeting of June 17th. He quoted startling figures showing how large a proportion of the farmers' earnings is absorbed by taxes of all varieties and also illustrated by maps the extent to which farm land is monopolized and held out of use in Allegheny County. He advocated the exemption of farm improvements as a practical means of aiding the farmer, pointing out the fact that the unimproved land values of farmland are exceedingly low by comparison with urban lands and that in many cases lands are offered for sale for less than the value of the improvements. Former Mayor William A. Magee and Councilman Robert Garland were guests at this luncheon and contributed to the discussion by favorable comments.