

Signs of Progress

GEORGEIST ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Henry George Foundation of America

The Single Taxers of Chicago, under the able leadership of Chairman Clayton J. Ewing, are busy with plans and preparations for the Sixteenth Annual Henry George Congress which is to assemble at the Hotel LaSalle Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, September 29 and 30 and October 1. A strong program is being prepared and, as it is now seven years since the Henry George Congress has gone to the Middle West, members and friends in that section are exhibiting a special interest in this year's gathering.

Facing the tremendous social and economic problems of the present world crisis, as well as those which may arise after the war, the program this year will feature an interpretation by prominent speakers of the Georgeist attitude towards war and its causes and a discussion of the part which the Henry George movement may and should play in the effort to reconstruct our social and industrial system on sound economic principles.

"The Georgeist Task in a War-Torn World" will be the topic to be presented by Sidney J. Abelson, of New York City, Chairman of the newly organized American Alliance to Advance Freedom. Among other well-known speakers who will address the Congress are: Col. Victor A. Rule, author of the book, "Chain the War God"; Hon. Peter Witt, Cleveland, Ohio; Benjamin W. Burger, New York City; Gilbert M. Tucker, Albany, N. Y.; Charles H. Ingersoll, President of the Manhattan Single Tax Club; Horace J. Haase, Director of the School of Democracy, New York City; Robert Clancy, Associate Editor of *LAND AND FREEDOM*, New York City; former Congressman Charles R. Eckert, of Beaver, Pa.; Dr. Mark Millikin, Member of City Council, Hamilton, Ohio; Mrs. Anna George deMille, New York City; John Lawrence Monroe, representing the Henry George School of Social Science, of Chicago; Mrs. Helena Mitchell McEvoy, Washington, D. C.; John B. McGauran, Denver, Colorado; E. S. Woodward, of Vancouver, British Columbia; Henry H. Hardinge and J. Edward Jones, of Chicago; Harold S. Bittenheim, Editor, *The American City*, New York City; Hon. George E. Evans, of Pittsburgh, President of the Henry George Foundation; Mrs. Lyril Clark Van Hyning, Chicago.

The usual annual banquet of the Henry George Foundation will be held on Wednesday evening, October 1, as the closing feature of the convention, and a special evening program of dramatic entertainment is being planned under the leadership of Mrs. Clayton J. Ewing with the cooperation of young Single Taxers of Chicago.

A printed invitation with full program details will be mailed to members and friends of the Foundation during the month of August, and a representative attendance from all sections of the country is anticipated. Ample time is being set aside on this year's program for open forum discussions of some of the more important questions which are occupying the minds of prominent Georgeists, both theoretical and practical, dealing with economic, legislative and political aspects of the movement to advance the Georgeist philosophy.

Robert Schalkenbach Foundation

REPORT OF V. G. PETERSON, SECRETARY

The big news this month is the publication, by the Foundation, of a Guide for Teaching the Principles of Political Economy, based on the text of "Progress and Poverty," by Henry George. This Guide, which was prepared by one of our trustees, is designed expressly for use in college classrooms. It divides the book into fifteen lessons, with questions and answers, and assigns approximately forty pages of reading for each. Dr. John Dewey, famous educator and philosopher, has written a Foreword to the Guide, the full text of which appears elsewhere in this issue.

Besides the large universities with which we are all familiar, there are about three thousand small colleges in the United States, teaching economics. An announcement of the Guide sent to a thousand, as a test, brought requests for copies from eighty-three professors. Practically all branches of the economics departments are represented in these returns. Three college presidents wrote personally for the publication.

One of the encouraging things about our work has been the increased use of "Progress and Poverty" as a college text, and we confidently believe the new Guide will help us tremendously to further cultivate this important field.

Winston Churchill's speeches on the land question, now available in pamphlet form (ten cents), are causing considerable comment, and some speculation as to whether the Prime Minister can be expected to put his knowledge of land value taxation to practical use when the war is over. I am told that the late John Paul, beloved English Georgeist, was Mr. Churchill's mentor in his early parliamentary days, and responsible to a large degree for bringing the land question, and its importance, to his attention at that time.

We placed our order last week for 17,000 more copies of books by Henry George. This includes 10,000 "Progress and Poverty," and smaller editions of "Protection or Free