

SEVENTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

At Swanwick, Derbyshire, England, August 14 to 21, 1949.

President: The Hon. BUE BJØRNER, Member of the Danish Parliament



"THE HAYES," South Front and Conference Hall.

PROGRAMME OF PROCEEDINGS

Provisional draft, subject to completion in detail or to alteration as circumstances may determine

First Day: Sunday, August 14

From 4 p.m. Roll call and registration.

At 8 p.m. Business meeting of members of the International Union. The Conference convened. Confirmation of the programme. Appointment of Conference committees. Formation of Sectional Groups as may be desired to study selected subjects.

Second Day: Monday, August 15

Morning. Informal social gatherings. Sittings of the Conference Committees and Sectional Groups.

At 2.30 p.m. *Inaugural Session.* Presidential Address by the Hon. Bue Bjørner, supported by other speakers. Greetings from absent members. Message from the Hon. K. K. Steincke, Chairman of the Danish Upper House of Parliament. After the tea interval, the session resumes discussion on the fundamental basis of a free and prosperous society. Papers submitted by Dr. Viggo Starcke, Leader of the Justice Party in the Danish Parliament, and by Frank Dupuis, Great Britain.

At 8 p.m. *Plenary Session.* True and false conceptions of capital and their bearing on the future of civilization—paper by Baldomero Argente (Spain). Agrarian land reform (so-called) in Eastern European States and in Italy—paper by Robert Major (formerly of Hungary and now resident in Italy).

Third Day: Tuesday, August 16

Plenary Sessions on this day will be devoted to the status and prospects of the Land Values and Free Trade Movement in a series of countries. The Conference will have a general survey of "Land Value Taxation in Practice" (such as was contained in the evidence submitted by the United Committee for the Taxation of Land Values to the British Government's Interdepartmental Committee on Site Value Rating) and of the position in Great Britain as affected by recent legislation. Appropriately sharing the duties of chairmanship will be Dr. Rolland O'Regan, spokesman for New Zealand. Presented at these sessions will be papers by K. J. Kristensen, chief of the Danish Land Valuation Department, on recent developments in his country and telling also, no doubt, what progress the Danish Parliamentary Land Values Commission is making; by J. Rupert Mason (California)

on Land Reclamation and the Irrigation Districts in that State; by A. Daudé-Bancel and Marcel Cortvriend (France and Belgium) on the future of Georgeism in their countries; by A. G. Huie (*in absento*) on the victorious work of the New South Wales League. These and other reports and the contributions to the discussion by members at the Conference speaking for their own countries will thus review land-value legislation in Denmark, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, Kenya, California, Pennsylvania and Western Canada; together with the conditions for progress in these and the other countries represented at the Conference. Three sessions being available, allocation of the foregoing subject-matter among them will be announced in the finally printed programme.

Fourth Day: Wednesday, August 17

At 9.30 a.m. *Plenary Session.* Educational Activities. The Henry George Schools in U.S.A., Canada, Great Britain, Denmark (the Ecotechnical High School), Australia and extensions elsewhere. School methods and results. Textbooks and their use. Paper by Robert Clancy (U.S.A.). Speaker for Denmark: Mrs. Caroline Bjørner; for Great Britain: V. H. Blundell.

The afternoon free for recreation or organised excursion.

At 8 p.m. *Plenary Session.* Publications, Press and publicity. The Robert Schalkenbach Foundation and its work as publishers—paper by Miss V. G. Peterson (U.S.A.) The United Committee and the Land & Liberty Library. The Henry George Forlag (publishers), Denmark. The Henry George Foundation, Australia. Journals of the movement. Dissemination of literature. Uses of the newspaper Press.

Fifth Day: Thursday, August 18

At 9.30 a.m. *Plenary Session.* Suggestions for a World Programme—paper by Miss Margaret Bateman (U.S.A.). Educational film strips will be shown at this or other session.

In the afternoon, Sectional Groups in session; meetings of Conference Committees.

At 8 p.m. *Plenary Session.* At disposal for the adjourned discussion of subjects not fully dealt with at previous sessions or for such other business as may be arranged.

Sixth Day : Friday, August 19

At 9.30 a.m. Plenary Session. Reports received from Conference Committees and Sectional Groups. Recommendations considered. Adoption of Conference resolutions and the main Declaration of Principle and Policy.

The afternoon free for recreation or organised excursion.

At 8 p.m. Impromptu Session. Short papers and addresses, with general discussion on subjects of which notice has been given to the Conference Committee in charge of programme arrangements.

Seventh Day : Saturday, August 20

9.30 a.m. General meeting of the members of the International Union. To transact the business of the Union. Endorsement of the Union's constitution. Election of Officers and Executive for the ensuing period.

2.30 p.m. Public Session. Local Authorities and Land Value Rating. The British municipal demand. Lessons gained from successful operation in other countries. This session, organised in association with the United Committee for the Taxation of Land Values, inviting (to Conference hospitality) County, Borough and District Councillors and members of the professions concerned with housing, town planning, land development, valuation and the law and practice of local taxation. Speakers: A. W. Madsen, Dr. Rolland O'Regan, K. J. Kristensen, J. Rupert Mason, and others. Chairman: Ashley Mitchell.

At 8 p.m. Plenary Session. Survey of the work of the Conference. The advancement of its objects by necessary co-operative effort in all countries.

Eighth Day : Sunday, August 21

At 10 a.m. Addresses and discussions on the Moral Implications of the Henry George Social and Economic Philosophy.

MEMBERSHIP ROLL

As we go to Press the number of enrolled members of the Conference (whether attending or not) is 318 and as the time approaches we expect that this number will be materially increased. The membership is drawn from: Eighteen States of the U.S.A., four Provinces of Canada, four States of Australia, three Provinces of South Africa, and the following countries: England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland; Argentine, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, British Guiana, Cuba, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Holland, Hong Kong, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Kenya, Mexico, Morocco, New Zealand, Norway, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.

The names added to the previously printed list of enrolled members are as follows:—

Dr. Rolland O'Regan (New Zealand); Nils Ebbesen (Denmark); Ole Flygaard (Denmark); John S. Codman (Illinois); F. Mitchener (England); Richard McGhee (Scotland); A. R. Hutchinson (Victoria); Duncan Mackay (Scotland); Andrew Hesson-Croon (Sweden); Lawson Purdy (New York); F. Halkyard (Victoria); Sydney W. Smith (England); G. A. Baker (Victoria); Mrs. W. B. Cossette (Massachusetts);

Miss Zoe Auden (England); H. A. Baxter (England); Edward Beardsley (England); D. Boothman (England); Mrs. Joan Boothman (England); H. G. Brett (Victoria); C. Austin Brooke (England); W. E. Burstow (England);

D. Cameron (Scotland); W. N. Campbell (Washington, D.C.); Robert Clancy (New York); C. S. Craig (England); Mrs. Ella Culley (England);

Dr. Paul Dane (Victoria), F. Dyer (England); J. B. Ellert (Alberta); E. J. Evans (Cape Province);

Frank W. Fairlie (Scotland); G. M. Fowlds (New Zealand); Miss C. Fraser (England);

John Garner (England); A. E. Garrett (England); Uffe Grosen (Denmark); J. T. Hastings (England); Mrs. Peggy Hill (England); C. H. Jones (England); Charles B. M. Knowles (Massachusetts); John C. Lincoln (Arizona); G. Dana Linn (Washington);

J. E. MacDonald (Quebec); R. V. McNally (New York);

Maxwell May (Illinois); Ferdinand Méré (Hungary); J. H. Morrison (Louisiana);

David A. Noble (England); J. Bernard Noble (England); J. H. Palmer (England); C. C. Paton (England); John S. Perrott (England);

Mrs. W. Riley (British Columbia); Miss E. Riley (British Columbia); T. Atholl Robertson (Scotland); W. Robson (England); Mrs. Katherine Ross (Delaware);

Santiago Serra (Spain); W. H. Simcox (England); Miss E. G. Stacy (England); Miss N. A. Stacy (England); Harold Sudell (Pennsylvania); Mrs. C. A. Sutherland (Oregon); Miss L. L. Symons (England);

Miss A. Wells (England); Miss C. Wells (England); R. S. Whipple (England); Henry A. Yearwood (British Guiana);

Corrections in previously printed lists are:—

Mrs. Ann Ross (Delaware); J. A. Simonet (France); Mrs. Roswell Skeele (Arizona); L. A. Stevenson (England); Miss Margaret E. Bateman (New York).

Invitation to enrol as Members of the Conference is extended to all our readers, the conditions attaching to membership being—due enrolment as member of the International Union for Land Value Taxation and Free Trade (the conveners) in adherence to its objects and with annual subscription of 5s. minimum; and payment of the Conference Fee of £1.

The week at "The Hayes" extends over seven nights inclusive of tea on Sunday, August 14, and lunch on Sunday, August 21. The terms for board and lodging are £5 10s. (or £4 5s. in the limited "cubicle" accommodation). For those making a shorter stay, the per-day scale of charges will be 17s. 6d. Members can, if they wish, arrive at "The Hayes" on Saturday, August 13, and stay over till Monday mid-day, August 22, the extra charge in either case being 17s. 6d.

"The Hayes" is situated 12 miles north of Derby city and about 2 miles from Alfreton, the centre for cross-country bus services, and the bus between Derby and Alfreton passes the entrance to the Estate. Nearest main line railway station is Ambergate. Arrangements may be made—given timely information as to the day and hour of arrival—for members to be conveyed by special coach from Derby or any of the neighbouring stations.

Accommodation is still available, but early intimation of the intention to be present is particularly requested by the House Committee which is charged with looking after the comfort of all.

Our invitation to JOIN THE CONFERENCE is addressed to our supporters everywhere in all lands, whether or not they are able to come, so that they be associated with the Conference and its purpose which is to link together and strengthen the efforts of all engaged in our common cause. It is scarcely necessary to add that any extra donation will be most welcome not only to cover the Conference expenses but also towards the future of its work.

Objects of the International Union

"To stimulate in all countries a public opinion favourable to permanent peace and prosperity for all peoples, through the progressive removal of the basic economic causes of poverty and war, as these causes are demonstrated in the writings of Henry George. Specifically, towards the realization of these objects, the Union favours the raising of public revenues by taxes and rates upon the value of land apart from improvements in order to secure the economic rent for the community and the abolition of taxes, tariffs, or imposts of every sort that interfere with the free production and exchange of wealth." Subscriptions, and donations in aid of the work of the Union, may be made payable to Ashley Mitchell, Hon. Treasurer, 4 Great Smith Street, London, S.W.1.