

## Signs of Progress

### GEORGEIST ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

#### Annual Conference of the Henry George Foundation

This year, the annual Henry George Conference will be held at the Nation's Capital — Washington, D. C. — September 25, 26, and 27. The Women's Single Tax Club will act as hostess.

A lively and interesting program has been prepared. On the morning of the first day, delegates will be welcomed. The afternoon will be devoted to the clergy of various religions, with Bishop McConnell presiding. The evening will be reserved for discussions of academic education and professional teaching.

The morning of the second day will be taken up with reports on the activities of various groups in the Georgeist Movement. In the afternoon, manufacturers and business men will have their say. There will also be a reception at the White House. In the evening, the Woman's Session will be held. The feminine part in the Georgeist Movement will be discussed.

On the third day, in the morning, plans for advancing the Movement will be set forth. The slogan "The Beginning of the Winning" has been suggested. Labor representatives and members of the press will be received in the afternoon, to present their views on the Good Society. And finally, the Banquet, on the evening of the third day. "Operated by double chairmen—Fun, Fast and Furious," is the description of the Banquet in the prospectus of the Conference.

All in all, it looks as though the Conference is going to be a big success. The program is indeed progressive, and excellently planned for interesting influential groups. A large attendance is expected. The response so far has been enthusiastic.

The Hotel Washington is to be the scene of the Conference. The Committee on Arrangements can be reached at that hotel, in Washington. Should anyone wish to contact them by phone, the number is Atlantic 3061-J.

We urge all Georgeists who can attend this Conference to do so. It offers a splendid opportunity for workers in the Cause to come together, to compare notes and exchange ideas. And this Conference is particularly well adapted to make the Georgeist influence felt by important industrial, educational and political groups. Together with these more sober duties, it will also be a happy occasion for visiting the Nation's Capital and having a delightful time!

#### Henry George School of Social Science HEADQUARTERS

REPORT OF EDWIN ROSS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

SUMMER TERM—Enrollment for the term beginning June 17 reached the highest point for summer classes in the history of the School. Seven hundred adults and high-school students are studying the philosophy of freedom, both in the elementary and advanced courses. A new course in the Principles of Logic is being conducted under the guidance of Paul Peach, whose article, "Science and Economics," appeared in the last issue of LAND AND FREEDOM. In its present stage this is an experimental course, but judging from its immediate popularity, it will probably be made a permanent part of the School's curriculum.

ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN — Soon, the capacity of the headquarters building will exceed 15,000 students annually. The increased difficulty of securing mailing lists numerous enough to keep pace with the School's expansion makes a large scale newspaper advertising campaign almost a necessity. A voluntary committee, consisting of graduates of the School, has been organized to raise funds for this venture. Three insertions of a full page advertisement in the Sunday magazine section of *The New York Times* are planned. It is estimated that this will place the School before the eyes of 7½ million people, and reduce by two-thirds the cost of obtaining students. "Newspaper advertising is the answer to our problem," says the committee.

HARTFORD, CONN.

REPORT OF ANN C. MARTIN, SECRETARY

Plans are under way to open up headquarters for the Hartford Extension of the Henry George School. The plan, formulated by the Henry George Fellowship of Hartford, is to obtain pledges from one hundred graduates of \$1 a month each, for the necessary support. Several pledges have already been secured. Many of the graduates have shown great enthusiasm over the prospect of headquarters, and it is probable that the Hartford School will have its own home by the time the Winter semester is organized.

At one of the recent regular meetings of the Henry George Fellowship, Prof. W. N. Leonard, teacher of Economics at the University of Connecticut, was the guest speaker. The Professor presented what he called a criticism of Henry George's principles. In the course of his address he said that Henry George proposed to collect the rent on buildings; and

his contention was that it is not fair that rent on buildings be collected. When one of the members present pointed out that Henry George did not propose to collect the rent on buildings, the Professor seemed nonplussed. Then he lapsed into a lengthy recitation on Socialism as the cure for our economic ills. The more than fifty members present must have learned more from the Professor's discussions than he had intended.

### CHICAGO, ILL.

#### REPORT OF JOHN LAWRENCE MONROE

Graduates of the School are going to work to make the Windy City "Henry George School conscious."

A Speakers Bureau is being formed under the leadership of Mrs. Edith Siebenmann and Mrs. Beatrice Ortis, to emulate the work of the Speakers Bureau in New York. A meeting of the prospective speakers of this Bureau was held July 23, at the School headquarters.

A motion picture is in process of preparation by a Committee of graduates headed by Leonard K. Nitz. The picture will be shown at clubs, employee meetings, etc., for the purpose of securing class enrollments.

Besides this valuable propaganda work, the graduates are contributing considerably toward the financial support of the Chicago School. Already they have contributed or pledged one-half of the amount needed to finance the School through the Fall term.

### Manhattan Single Tax Club

This coming Fall, President Ingersoll will be active in forming a national association as a subsidiary of the Club. The purpose is to expand the scope of activities so as to embrace a nation-wide educational program, without changing the revered forty-five year old title of the Manhattan Single Tax Club.

On August 1, Mr. Ingersoll spoke at the William Sloane House on "Democracy and Its Relation to Economics." There was active discussion after his lecture.

Following are excerpts from recent broadcasts:

FRANCE, POLAND, AND OTHER COUNTRIES THAT HAVE LATELY become exhausted before the onslaught of superior forces, have been trying the experiment of a nation existing three-fourths slave and one-fourth free. And when one contemplates what has happened, is it any wonder? Lincoln said slavery could not work out, even on a fifty-fifty basis. Our own taxes and exactions from monopoly take away a full one-half of our people's earnings, making them half slaves. If this is true in the "greatest democracy," parasitism must surely cost the European masses 75% of their earnings.

AT THIS CRUCIAL TIME DEMOCRATS SHOULD SEE THEIR DUTY clearly. Taxation was supposed to be a G. O. P. disease which the Democrats were elected to cure. They've muffed their play two terms. Now let them—or anybody else—go to it and kill both G. O. P. and Democratic taxation of the consumer. There are 15 billions of it, so the opportunity is unlimited. A reduction of even 25% would bring the blessings of the public.

### Robert Schalkenbach Foundation

#### REPORT OF V. G. PETERSON, SECRETARY

GEORGE AND SPENCER—It would not be amiss to describe "A Perplexed Philosopher" as Henry George's most neglected book, for while his other writings have enjoyed successively large printings, not since 1904 has an American cloth-bound edition of this famous work been published. This, however, is soon to be remedied. A new edition, similar in format to "Progress and Poverty," will be ready for distribution by the end of August.

It is through coincidence, rather than design, that at this same time a reprint of Herbert Spencer's "Man Versus The State," should be made available by a Western publisher. This book will be interesting to those who desire to examine for themselves the basis of the criticism levelled against the Spencerian philosophy in "A Perplexed Philosopher." The reprint consists of six essays, with a new and remarkably fine introduction by Albert Jay Nock. In opposing the growth of Stateism in Nineteenth Century England, Mr. Spencer predicts—and history corroborates—the loss of human rights as a result of the social forces that were then set in motion.

SCULPTOR AND POET—The early Georgeist Movement records no more colorful personality than Frank Stephens, sculptor and poet. "Some Songs," a collection of his verses, is now being offered by his son at one dollar a copy. The volume contains poetry on a variety of subjects and has some apt lines on the landlord, taxes and rent. Orders sent to the Foundation will be forwarded.

INDIVIDUALISM HOLDS ITS OWN—The revival of interest in the individualist philosophy has no better illustration than the tremendous response to Mr. Albert Jay Nock's article in the June *Atlantic Monthly*. Under the title, "In Defense of the Individual," Mr. Nock describes Max Hirsch's "Democracy versus Socialism" as "a complete case against every known form and shade of State collectivism from Marxism and Fascism down to the New Deal." Four hundred and fifty people have been impelled by Mr. Nock's recommendation to send in orders, and spurred by this show of enthusiasm, the Foundation is running a half-column advertisement of the book in the August *Atlantic*.

ON THE PROGRAM—The campaign to have Henry George elected to the Hall of Fame is still one of our major activities. Help has been recruited from many influential sources. One of America's best loved novelists, and one ambassador to a neighboring Republic both wrote in support of our candidate recently. The famous columnist and traveler, Bob Davis, also penned many letters to the electors.

Several fresh activities will be initiated this Fall. Among them is a campaign to bring the lawyers of the country under the Georgeist banner. Our ranks are already strengthened by many of the legal fraternity; and we hope, through our work this fall, to show more of them the only way to a true democracy.