

Apostles in Uniform

* WHAT WE NEED today, to save the world for Freedom tomorrow, is the apostle of Henry George in uniform.

I make it a point to pick up men in uniform in my car—when I have gas to drive it! I encourage them to talk about themselves, their viewpoint, the outlook toward the postwar period. This is the comment I hear oftenest: "The fellows that come back—those that do—are going to run this country. We'll have a right to."

One said, "All I want out of this war is a little farm and a tractor. And I'm going to get it, or know the reason why."

When they come back—"those that do"—they *are* going to run this country. There will be enough of them to do it. Consider the influence wielded by the American Legion. What will be the political power of the next returning Legion? Especially if united with the veterans of 1918? These men destined to run America tomorrow are the boys we need to reach today.

The April 3rd *Saturday Evening Post* printed an article dealing with the popularity of non-fiction books, particularly among service men. It asks, "Can our 'singing army' of 1918 be turning into a 'reading army' of 1943?"

Among books listed by the Modern Library Series as having largest sales to service men, were included Tolstoy's *War and Peace*, and *The Wisdom of Confucius*. Why not *Progress and Poverty*? Our service boys are sufficiently adult to take Henry George, to read our Georgist magazines. We should get our literature into their hands, our classes in their units.

We have many young Georgists going into the Army. I know some are prepared to organize classes or study groups among their associates. The experience of the war itself will arouse in many a zeal to make all this bloodshed and destruction mean something more than sorrow, horror, and disillusionment. For instance, there is a splendidly discerning letter from Sgt. Richard Sommer in the April FREEMAN. But I know, too, that many of the boys feel that all else is suspended "until it's over." "We've got a job to do over there. The folks at home will have to carry on for a better world after the war."

And yet—and yet, it's the fellows who come

back—those who do—that are going to run this country after the war. *Now* is the time to sow the seed of a true understanding of a free world among those boys. **AND CIVILIANS CAN'T REACH THEM.** They are on the move too fast. The message must come through some one going along with them. Through young Georgists! This is the most important job we have on our hands, the biggest opportunity. And it belongs to the young drafted Georgist!

—BESSIE BEACH TRUEHART