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1936 CONGRESS MEETS IN NOVEMBER

Cincinnati, Ohio, (HGNS)--The 1936 Henry George Congress, to be held here, will meet shortly after the election in November, according to tentative arrangements announced by the congress committee. The days on which the sessions will be held will be announced shortly.

It had been planned originally that the annual conference of the Georgists of the Western Hemisphere would be held early in September. The later date, however, would seem a better time for many Georgists engaged in agriculture, who never miss a Congress, to attend the parley without endangering their season's work. Rabbi Michael Aaronsohn, chairman of the committee, pointed out. Also, the later date will permit American Georgists to attend the world congress of the International Union for Land Value Taxation and Free Trade in London.

Cincinnati was chosen as the host city of the Henry George Congress by the Board of Directors of the Henry George Foundation of America, the sponsor of the event. Rabbi Aaronsohn made one of the leading speeches at the 1935 Congress in New York. The foundation has headquarters in Pittsburgh. George E. Evans, member of the Pittsburgh City Council, is president and Percy R. Williams, Chief Assessor of the Pennsylvania city, is executive secretary.

SPURRED TO STUDY GEORGE

New York, (HGNS)--Paul De Kruif, scientist and author, has decided that he had better read Henry George. In answer to one of a stream of letters urging him to study the works of this American economist, he recently admitted that he has never read anything Henry George wrote and is beginning to feel that perhaps the time has come when he should do so.

In his latest book, "Why Keep Them Alive," he flays a system that denies to those who need them most, the benefits made possible through the accumulated knowledge and experience of generations of men - a social product equally the right of all - simply because they are too poor - because they lack what he calls the wherewithal and consequently the power to command them.

MORE BOOKS FOR PITTSBURGH

New York, (HGNS)--Richard E. Howe, secretary of the Pittsburgh extension of the Henry George School of Social Science, visited New York to obtain 200 more copies of "Progress and Poverty" from the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation, 11 Park Place. He also received classroom aids and triple-postcard announcements at national headquarters of the school for a continuation of the extension's intensive drive for students. He was accompanied by Mrs. Howe.

Pittsburgh has twelve classes now in session and more are expected to begin soon. Up to date it has had a total of 34 classes and a total enrollment of 793 students.

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