

# CLIPPINGS ON THE 14th ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE HENRY GEORGE SCHOOL - SAN DIEGO, CALIF. - JULY 9-13, 1958

SAN DIEGO UNION  
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## Social Science Schools Parley Sated In July

The 14th national conference of the Henry George Schools of Social Science is scheduled July 9-13 in the Lafayette Hotel, Henry Cramer, conference general chairman, said yesterday. Cramer, a retired industrialist, said 20

Cramer chapters in the United States and Canada will send delegates. He said it will be the first conference of the organization in San Diego.

The only previous conference on the Pacific Coast was in 1954 in San Francisco, he said.

Cramer said the conference will consist of workshops in the mornings and afternoons and speeches at night. He will be assisted by Sid Evans, Capt. Jesse B. Gay, USN, ret.; James L. Palmer, Thomas Dawson, Everett Seeley, Louise McLean and Charles Henricks.

Cramer said the local chapter was founded about 25 years ago.



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## TAXATION CONFERENCE 79TH ANNIVERSARY

Several internationally known taxation authorities will address delegates at the 14th annual national conference of the Henry George Schools of Social Science, which will be held here July 9-13. Henry Cramer, local convention chairman, announced.

The 5-day conference will be held at Hotel Lafayette with delegates coming from all parts of this nation, Canada, and New Zealand, Cramer said. The only other time the conference was held on the Pacific Coast was in San Francisco in 1954.

The conference will commemorate the 79th anniversary of the writing by Henry George of his widely known book on economics, "Progress and Poverty." Many nations have followed, in part, the teachings of George as set forth in his book. These sections, said Cramer, include Denmark, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, etc.

Coming from Wellington, New Zealand to address the conference on Saturday, July 12 at the banquet will be Dr. Rolland O'Regan, M.D., who has served as chairman of the New Zealand League for Taxation of Land Values, for many years.

Due to arrive here on July 7, Dr. O'Regan will address several local groups, and inspect several institutions including hospitals,

etc., prior to the opening of the conclave, said Cramer.

During the afternoons and mornings, work shop type conferences will be held, with speakers scheduled for the evenings during the convention, it was announced.

The local chapter of the Henry George Schools of Social Science, started 25 years ago by the late Maj. Gen. Joseph Pendleton, and Superior Judge C. N. Andrews, will be host to the conference.



DR. ROLLAND O'REGAN

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## Tax Authorities Address Conclave

Several internationally known taxation authorities are slated to address delegates at the 14th annual national conference of the Henry George Schools of Social Science currently underway in San Diego.

The conference, which opened

yesterday at Hotel Lafayette and closes Sunday, will commemorate the 79th anniversary of the writing by Henry George of his widely known book on economics, "Progress and Poverty."

# Single-Taxers To Gather Here

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By DAISY ASHFORD

San Diego will be host this week to a national convention of persons who think government can be financed without taxes on income, sales or personal property.

The system is working today in many parts of the world.

The Henry George Schools of Social Science convention will meet Wednesday through Sunday at the Hotel Lafayette.

Delegates from 20 cities will commemorate the 79th anniversary of the writing of "Progress and Poverty" by Henry George.

George, an economist, advocated the use of a single tax to support government.



DR. O'REGAN

The earth, like sun or air, should be the equal right of all men, George reasoned. Land should be rented to its users, and the "ground rent" pay the cost of government.

No taxes need be levied on products of labor, income or personal property, he said, because ground rent would always be sufficient.

Since nobody would want to pay rent on more land than he could use, land speculations would cease, he pointed out. Free trade would be insured because imports and exports would not be taxed.

The single tax system has become a pretty academic question in the United States, admits Eva Maxwell, director of the Local Henry George school.

However, the San Francisco Board of Education owns a plot of land which it has rented to business since the earthquake. The "ground rent" has paid a good share of the schools' expenses.

Many California irrigation districts, which tax only land also conform with George's concept, she noted.

Australians, Danes and New Zealanders haven't been as shy of the American economist's views as have most Americans, she said.

In Denmark, the Justice Party, a Henry George movement, holds several seats in the legislature.

The single tax system is still a political issue in Australia.

Over 70 per cent of the people in New Zealand have approved the single tax system for all local revenues. Labor has endorsed the policy, since it means no taxing of labor's products.

Dr. Rolland O'Regan, a surgeon, is coming from Wellington, New Zealand, to address the convention banquet Saturday night. O'Regan is chairman of the New Zealand League for Taxation of Land Values.

Henry Cramer, president of the host chapter, is chairman of the conference.

The local group was founded 25 years ago by the late Major General Joseph Pendleton and the late Superior Court Judge C. N. Andrews.

Some 500 San Diegans have taken the courses offered by the local school twice a year.

"Of course, many of them take the course out of intellectual curiosity," Mrs. Maxwell said. "But I'm sure if they had a chance to say whether they wanted income tax, personal property tax, duties and sales tax, they would endorse the ground rent system."

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## Social Science Meet Opens

Changes in the Pittsburgh, Pa., skyline in which gleaming new buildings replaced deteriorated areas yesterday were credited in part to a modification of Henry George tax theories.

Commenting on the "Pittsburgh Plan" was Joseph T. Craig, an electrical engineer at Convair-Fort Worth, one of the first persons to register here for a four-day Henry George School of Social Science convention.

Craig attributed a part of Pittsburgh's progress to a program in which improve-

ments are assessed at a rate of one-half the value of the land on which they are constructed.

"This has influenced a great deal in the elimination of slums," he said in an interview. "It has practically transformed Pittsburgh's 'Golden Triangle' into what it is now."

More than 200 officials of the Henry George School of Social Science, including representatives of New Zealand and Canada, are expected at the 14th annual conference which continues today at the Lafayette Hotel.

Speaking at a luncheon yesterday, Dr. Rolland O'Regan

told state, county and city officials many cities in the world exempt property improvements from taxation.

O'Regan, chairman of the New Zealand League for Land Value Taxation, told the meeting at the San Diego Club that the cities include Sydney and Brisbane, Australia, and Johannesburg, South Africa.

Present in the audience were County Assessor McQuilkan, Supervisors Austin and Dent, Assemblyman Crawford (R-San Diego), Vice Mayor Evanson and Lester Halcomb, assistant to the city manager.



**DR. ROLLAND O'REGAN**, Wellington, New Zealand, will be among several internationally known tax authorities who will address the 14th national conference of the Henry George Schools of Social Science at Hotel Lafayette, San Diego, July 9-13. Coronado alumni of the school are invited to attend and hear talks on land value taxation, said Elmer Kennedy, a Coronado sub-chairman.

## George Schools Set Conference

The Henry George Schools of Social Science will hold its international conference here Wednesday through July 13, according to Henry Cramer, chairman and president of the host chapter.

Cramer said delegates from 20 chapters would convene in San Diego from as far away as New Zealand, to participate in the sessions at the Lafayette Hotel.

Coming the longest distance will be Dr. Rolland O'Regan, of Wellington, chairman of the New Zealand League for Taxation of Land Values. He will be principal speaker.

The conference will commemorate the 79th anniversary

of the writing by Henry George of his book on economics, "Progress and Poverty," Cramer said.

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## 'One Tax' Foreseen By New Zealander

New Zealand landowners soon may be paying a single tax on their property, Dr. Rolland O'Regan, chairman of the New Zealand League for Land Value Taxation, said here yesterday.

At present some New Zealanders pay a tax on both land and improvements placed on the land, similar to the United States' land tax, while others pay taxes on the land only.

"It has been a widespread

move in New Zealand to have a single tax levied on the value of just the land," Dr. O'Regan told a reporter.

### LAND VALUE SYSTEM

Already 202 of 291 units of government in New Zealand have adopted the land value tax system. O'Regan said several commissions studying the two tax systems have recommended the land value system. It is possible that the national legislature will sanction the land value tax, he said.

Using the land value system will mean property owners with expensive improvements will not be taxed for anything but the land value, he said.

Where the land value taxes are used there has been an increase in building and a decrease in slum areas, O'Regan said. Idle land also is being used more extensively and there is little land speculation, he added. Property taxes are the only taxes levied on New Zealanders. They have no income or sales taxes.

### RECEIVE TAX CUTS

Those receiving a tax cut under the land value system are the residential and commercial property owners. Those paying higher taxes, to some extent, are land owners who have unimproved or vacant land.

O'Regan is in San Diego for the 14th annual conference of the Henry George School of Social Science which will be held in the Lafayette Hotel Wednesday through Saturday. He will address the convention Saturday night along with J. Bracken Lee, a former Utah governor.

Lee will speak on "Abolish the Income Tax." Several guests due at the conference are authorities on taxation.

School members from Canada, New Zealand and the United States will attend.

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# Taxation On Land Value Only Backed

Taxation based on the value of the land and not upon improvements on it was advocated yesterday by Joseph S. Thompson, a San Francisco industrialist.

Thompson spoke at the 14th annual conference of the Henry George School of Social Science which ended last night in the Lafayette Hotel.

"The principles of the economist, Henry George, to which we subscribe, can be likened to the operation of a parking meter," Thompson said.

"The owner of a \$7,500 car 'rents' the same space as the owner of a jalopy and pays the same price of a nickel. He is not penalized for owning a higher priced car."

Thompson, the president of the Federal Pacific Electric Co., manufacturers of switch gear equipment, said application of the "land rental" principle of taxation, in the same manner, would not penalize the owner of a building for making improvements on it. He would pay the same tax as the owner who has a comparable piece of property but without improvements on it.

The "land rental" method of taxation is opposed to the present method of assessing

property on the basis of improvements.

J. Bracken Lee, former governor of Utah, and Rolland O'Regan, a New Zealand economist, were other speakers at the closing session of the conference, which began Thursday.

## Labor Union Power Called Threat In U.S.

Corruption in unions is a petty problem compared with the power of unions, an Oakland educator said here last night.

The educator, Glenn E. Hoover, a professor emeritus of economics at Mills College, addressed 200 persons at the 14th annual conference of the Henry George School of Social Science in the Lafayette Hotel.

"What if a lot of husky teamsters allow their union to be bilked and themselves to be bossed by a handful of goons and grafters?" Hoover asked.

"One suspects that our legislators and the public have concentrated on the minor defects of our unions in order to postpone consideration of a power so great only a few will consider it, and fewer still will challenge it."

Hoover, an Oakland City councilman, warned of a power "that can close every auto plant, steel mill, airline or railroad in the United States. This is something our government in Washington cannot do."

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## BRACKEN LEE SPEAKS

# Income Tax Held Evil, Unlawful

"Income taxes are evil, dishonest, immoral and unconstitutional," former Gov. J. Bracken Lee of Utah said here last night.

"By eliminating income taxes," Lee continued, "the United States would be forced to live within its means. The foreign aid giveaway would be stopped, inefficiency in government bureaus would be eliminated and the defense expenditure would cut in half."

The peppery Lee, an independent candidate in Utah for the U.S. Senate, unloaded his broadside against income taxes in an interview. He was in San Diego to speak at the 14th annual conference of the Henry George Schools of Social Science, held at Lafayette Hotel.

### EIGHT YEAR CAMPAIGN

Lee said he began his campaign against income taxes eight years ago after he became convinced that the United States was on its

way to ruin because of the tax.

"America will never again see prosperity unless we get rid of the income tax," Lee declared.

The Utahan said he wants Congress to authorize the states to vote on a constitutional amendment repealing the income tax. During the time it takes for the states to vote on the amendment, he said the government could prepare for the loss of revenue.

### CUT OFF SUBSIDIES

"It could cut off the subsidies to farmers, stop federal aid to state and get rid of most of its bureaucrats and their vast army of workers," Lee said.

In the past 1½ years, Lee said he has averaged one speech a day in 42 states on his campaign against income taxes. He said he believes 10 U.S. senators and 50 congressmen would vote for authorization of a constitutional amendment to repeal the tax if the measure got to the floor of congress.

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