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MORE ABOUT DR. BARKER'S "LIFE OF HENRY GEORGE"

THE GEORGIST proudly presents below excerpts from a review of Dr. Barker's book which appeared in AMERICA, National Catholic Weekly Review, issue of Sept. 17, 1955. Particular importance is attached to the review in that it was written by a teacher of Economics at LeMoyne College, Syracuse, NY.—Cornelius A. Eller, S.J. Our hope is that what follows will whet the interest of our readers in this great book to the point where they will determine to read it at the earliest possible date. (Copies available through School Office) WE QUOTE:

***If you are looking for a complete biography of the man Henry George, you will not find it in this book. It does not offer a formal and detailed description of his person nor does it analyze his character or inner life. Furthermore, Dr. Barker does not tell us very much about George's private family life.

***These things are merely incidental to the primary purpose of the author, which is to expound the history of Henry George's explosive book PROGRESS & POVERTY. Dr. Barker explains
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TOWARDS A SCIENCE OF PEACE

Reviewed

By The Guy Who Wrote It
—Dr. Theo. F. Lentz—

OPEN MEETING

8:00 P.M. — Thurs. Oct. 20

COME & BRING YOUR FRIENDS

(Invite non-Georgists as well as "disciples". By getting acquainted, they may sign up for a course in PROGRESS AND POVERTY.)

Dr. Lentz's important book on peace has the endorsement of Julian Huxley.

Dr. Lentz is interested in meeting our Georgists & in discussing peace with them. He is open-minded & an honest seeker for new light on old questions.

So Georgists, come and share with this psychologist your own thoughts about the way to peace and a better world.

AN INVITATION TO YOU

Dr. Theo. Lentz at the close of his book on Peace extends "an Invitation To The Reader," in which he says, "Recurring notes in this book have been to CO-
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the background out of which George's book grew and the manner in which its message was propagated, not only in America but also abroad. A large part of the book is devoted to the tremendous lecturing campaign which George undertook to popularize the message of PROGRESS & POVERTY and to the numerous battles in which he became embroiled on its account. Thinkers are rarely salesmen of their own ideas on a grand scale but Henry George was that rare kind of thinker.

"One of the important points that Dr. Barker emphasizes very well is that Henry George stood for more than the Single Tax. Most people nowadays, if they know anything at all about Henry George, only know of his connection with the single-tax movement. George's interest in reform was far broader than that. During his lifetime reform movements of every description and degree of sanity or insanity kept America in a continuous state of lively ferment, and Henry George participated in many of them.

Most Catholics especially the parts of the book that treat of George's contacts with the Catholic Church will be of great interest. The McGlynn affair is the most important. Though it is clear that Dr. Barker's sympathies are with George and Father

McGlynn, it is equally clear that he is honestly striving to be professionally objective.

"In the opinion of the reviewer, this book would benefit from an orderly and concise summary of the essentials of PROGRESS & POVERTY. If you have not read this classic, do so before reading Dr. Barker's book. You will get much more out of it."

LAST CALL TO BOOST FALL TERM CLASSES

You still have time to secure students for the fall term classes which will open on Monday night, Oct. 2, with classes at the Y.M.H.A., Union & Enright Avenues and at the Police Bldg., University City (back of City Hall). Classes will start at School Office and Ferguson Vogt Jr. High School on Tues. night, and at Carpenter Branch Library and St. Louis County Library on Thursday night. All classes, except the one at the School Office (which will open at 6:15 PM) will open at 7:30 PM. They can still enroll the second week.

FIVE GEORISTS COMPLETE TEACHERS TRAINING COURSE

Ralph Hoffman, Henry Cailotte, Victor Kirchner, Lovel Swafford, and Allan India completed the summer term review and teachers training course which was held at the office of Secretarial Aides, 6653 Enright Ave., operated by Miss Mima Marie Palfrey a school graduate.

OPERATE, to CONTACT, to INTER-COMMUNICATE, to ORGANIZE, to ASSOCIATE. If we are to act and act co-operatively, we need to know each other's intentions and potential intentions. The Attitude Research Laboratory is available as a clearing-house for the readers.

"Together we may yet hold back the curtain of darkness that threatens to engulf our civilization. Let us set upon our faith in man and his destiny. For purposes of moral support we need to become more fully aware of each other."

This is Dr. Lents as he is. And his invitation carries for Georgists perhaps an important clue to one of our most difficult problems. How can we persuade more people to become interested in the sound logic of Henry George?

THIS IS OUR \$64,000 QUESTION!

Perhaps if we better understood people's attitudes, we might more successfully tailor our approach to appeal to them. Dr. Lents who is Director of the Attitude Research Laboratory may have knowledge which could be of much use to us.

Suggestions on how to increase interest in the principles of Henry George are always eagerly desired from our readers.

Contributions and communications from you on ANY matter are invited!

An advance course based on the book THE ECONOMIC BASIS OF TAX REFORM by Dr. Harry Gunnison Brown, professor emeritus of Economics of the U. of Mo., is being offered this term. Only graduates of the basic PROGRESS and POVERTY course can enroll. The first meeting will be Monday Oct. 3rd, 7:30 P.M. at the Y.W.-Y.M.C.A., 742 Union.

Chapters of the book are INTRODUCTION; Confusion Worse Confounded; Tax Relief for Real Estate; The Rent of Land and Its Taxation; and A Taxation Complex of Some Contemporary Economists.

If possible, let the School know in advance if you want to meet with this group; however if you decide Monday attend anyway.

There was a little beggar maid
Who wed a king, long, long ago;
Of course the taste that he displayed
Was criticized by folks who know
Just what formalities and things
Are due to beggar maids and kings.

But straight the monarch made
reply
There is small difference, as I
live
Between our stations! She and I
Subsist on what the people give
We do not toil with strength and
skill
And, pleasing Heaven, never will!

Anonymous: The Economic
Basis of Tax Reform

BROWN MEETINGS A GREAT SUCCESS

On Sept. 5th, 6th, and 7th, Dr. Harry Gunnison Brown paid another visit to St. Louis en route to his teaching assignment at University of Missouri, and while here, addressed some 700 business and professional men at meetings of the University City Kiwanis Club, the Downtown Lions Club, 300 of them being present at the Rotary Club meeting. He spoke on the weakness of this country in its fight against the forces of Communism - the taxing of capital rather than community created land values. None could mistake the meaning of his presentation nor his enthusiasm for it. The opinion prevails that this series of talks did more to promote the Georgist fiscal re-

venue policy than any given here in many years. Some results are already apparent.

While here, Dr. & Mrs. Brown also met with teachers of the School presenting to them the same problems used in the courses formerly given at the U. of Mo. and now at the U. of Mississippi. They taxed the mathematical knowledge of some of the teachers, but were most informative and enlightening.

The forum meeting for Georgists at the Y.M.E.A. as conducted in the usual Brown manner was indeed interesting and instructive. The questions propounded were timely and to the point as were the refreshments served following the meeting by the Woman's Club.

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