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One Dollar a Year

School Combatting Social Illiteracy, Dewey Says

1936 HENRY GEORGE CONGRESS
TO MEET THIS NOVEMBER
IN CINCINNATI, OHIO

Tentative Arrangements Given
By Aaronsohn Committee

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 later.

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.

Host City

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, the chairman of the arrangements committee, 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.

NEW ACTION GROUP IN TORONTO

Toronto, Canada, (HGNS)--A discussion group which has been meeting each Tuesday night under the chairmanship of J.R. Cadwell has expanded its activities into a varied program. Although the discussions will continue, The Bulletin of the Single Tax Association of Canada reports.

As a result of the discussion program, the members are now forming committees to work for land values taxation in many different ways. These include a speakers committee to train Georgists for public speaking and supply speakers for various meetings; a land value tax facts committee, to deal with the historical and statistical aspects of the program; a literary committee, to write articles and letters to the papers, etc.; a committee to study other reform movements; and one to attend young people's groups of various political and religious organizations.

H.T. Owens, secretary of the Single Tax Association of Canada, presented a paper before the group on "Who Owns Toronto". Mr. Ingram presented one on "Single Tax Letters to the Papers" and John Garland presented a paper on "Social Credit."

PHILOSOPHER



John Dewey

SCHOOL'S ENROLLMENTS PASS
CURRENT GOAL; 73 CITIES
HAVE 3,247 STUDENTS

The goal of the Henry George School of Social Science for the current school year of 3,000 students in the basic course has now been exceeded, John Lawrence Monroe, field director, reported to the movement as The New Standard went to press. Enrollment of 3,247 students in 163 classes since last September 1 brings the total enrollment since the founding of the school in September, 1933, to 4,663 in 239 classes, he said.

There are now 73 cities on the school's world-wide campus, fifty of which have been organized for class work since last September. The most recent centres to announce their plans for the opening of classes are New Orleans, La.; Montreal, Canada; Jerome, Arizona; Benld, Illinois and Elkins Park, Pa.

The teaching staff of the school now numbers 125. Teachers' training classes are being conducted in many cities including Houston, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Toronto and New York. "The foundation is thus being laid," he pointed out, "for taking 10,000 students through the study of 'Progress and Poverty' during the coming school year."

SUMMER CLASSES ANNOUNCED

Summer classes at the Henry George School of Social Science will start June 16, 17 and 18, at 8 p.m., and be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

The classes are being formed in response to a number of requests from those who are interested in fundamental economics and social philosophy, and will be increased if necessary.

SOUND POLICY IMPOSSIBLE
UNDER PRESENT SYSTEM
OF LAND OWNERSHIP

Hon. President Sees Hope in
School's Growth

Speaking at the organization meeting of the New York Chapter of the Henry George Fellowship, Dr. John Dewey, distinguished American philosopher and Honorary President of the Henry George School of Social Science, called this a cock-eyed world from an economic point of view. The school is combatting "economic illiteracy", he said, however. Several hundred persons attended.

"I read a recent book by Walter Lippman", Dr. Dewey said, in which the author realized the sharp difference between proletariat and plutocrat - a difference beyond that of money, and who says 'this division does not exist as long as there is free land.'

"As a remedy, Mr. Lippman neither advocates a change in our policy of land ownership, nor does he propose calling a halt to the present unsocial uses of rent; instead he advocates more government directed social service."

Like Quackery

"Such a policy is comparable to a physician who, knowing the anopheles mosquito to be the cause of malaria, would not use preventative methods and destroy the breeding places of this pest but as a solution would increase the supply and improve the methods of distributing quinine."

Going on to cite a case with which he was personally acquainted, Dr. Dewey told of a family which moved out to Denver and, because of lack of money to pay for the transportation charges on a grand piano, traded the piano for a small sum and a strip of land in Denver, at that time a frontier town. Later, when the state capitol building was erected near the site of their holding, they became wealthy through the enormous increase in the value of this strip of formerly worthless land.

'Lucky' Family

"If we were to ask most people what they thought of this, they would reply 'that this family was 'lucky'', he continued. "We who have studied Henry George know that they had merely acquired the right to appropriate wealth from the community for the right to use that land."

The present governmental efforts at slum clearance, though well-intentioned, were severely criticised and branded as worse than useless under our present system of land tenure by Dr. Dewey. Every time some project of this type is mentioned and funds allocated for its work, the land owners and real estate dealers raise the price of their holdings so high that it is next to impossible to purchase the land on which these eye-sores stand, to say nothing of the objections raised by the owners

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SCHOOL ALUMNI ARE MOBILIZED BY FELLOWSHIP IN NEW YORK TO SPUR MOVEMENT'S GROWTH

37 New Members Gained Its Activities Are Outlined

An effort to mobilize the alumni of the Henry George School of Social Science into a body of functioning workers to aid the growth of the Henry George movement was begun at an organization meeting of the New York Chapter of the Henry George Fellowship held May 6 at Pythian Temple. Arthur H. Vetterman, president, presided.

Thirty-seven new members signed up for work in the chapter, adding their numbers to the many of the several hundred persons present who are already enrolled. In addition, the chapter's numbers will be augmented soon by students now completing the basic course at national headquarters and local extensions.

Seeks Support

The chapter was launched on Feb. 13, held its first meeting and elected temporary officers on March 10. It has been functioning since then as a steering committee which has organized the most important activities under committees.

Mr. Vetterman made an appeal for the support of all graduates of the school.

"What we need now is man-power", he declared. "We have the organization; it is functioning; what is needed now to make it an important factor in the growth of the movement is the strength of numbers."

Writers Report

Will Lissner, Chairman of the Writers' Committee, which preceded the chapter and was one of the groups which initiated it, gave a report of the projects now under way and those still in prospect. Among them is a journal of opinion, similar to the old Public, to present the Georgist viewpoint on current topics. Mr. Lissner continued his report by calling on the chairman of sub-committees of the writers' committee.

Madeleine Swarte, an editor of The New Standard, official bulletin of the chapter, told of interviewing Mayor William N. McNair of Pittsburgh in a men's club from which other women previously have been barred. In completing the report on The New Standard, Mr. Lissner pointed out that it has published three issues and, in spite of lack of funds, it seems to be a going concern.

News Relayed

A summary of the work of the Henry George News Service was given by Charles Erwood, editor, who pointed out the importance of coordinating the work of the extension classes and Georgists who are scattered throughout the world. The News Service is now serving sixty-six newspapers and 200 extension classes, Mr. Erwood said.

David Chodorov, chairman of the committee on cooperation with the Georgist press, told of his plans to have libraries situated near various New York colleges carry a full complement of the Georgist publications. Mr. Chodorov enticed, cajoled, and pleaded for incoming members to join his committee. The arranging of garden parties through the social activities committee is also planned by this committee.

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FOR ABUNDANCE - THROUGH GEORGISM

The Continental Committee for an Economy of Abundance solicited the moral support and financial aid of Harry Weinberger, noted New York attorney. Mr. Weinberger replied that he believed wholeheartedly in an economy of abundance, but expected to bring it about through the Georgist program and therefore would continue concentrating his support and activity in that direction.

AMERICANS AID LONDON JOURNAL

London, England, (HGNS)--Georgists in various parts of the United States, who have contributed to the "pound for pound" fund to maintain Land and Liberty, monthly journal of the United Committee for the Taxation of Land Values, are among those quoted in the paper in appreciation of the journal's work.

The fund originated in the challenge of an Australian reader to match gifts up to a total of 500 pounds, as a tribute to the memory of John Paul, former editor. Contributions or pledges are being addressed to Land and Liberty Sustentation Fund, 94 Petty France, London S.W.1.

HEATH TRAINS PARLIAMENTARIENS

Spencer Heath, an instructor of the Henry George School of Social Science at national headquarters and author of Heath's Parliamentary Table, is conducting a class in proper parliamentary procedure. The first session was held April 24.

The class, organized to aid in the conduct of meetings of the Henry George Fellowship in New York, is organized in two groups, one representing the Georgists, the other the spokesmen for the privileged classes, and as a feature of the class the Georgist program is debated. So well are the students schooled in the arguments against the Georgist program, it was noted with amusement, that the spokesmen for the "privileged classes" have been winning out with the most formidable, though not the most logical, presentation.

RENT TAX UP IN JERSEY

Nutley, N.J., (HGNS)--A bill, known as Assembly No. 92 and sponsored by Mrs. Olive C. Sanford, to shift existing taxes on land improvements and tangible personal property has been reported out of committee and is now awaiting action by the New Jersey House of Assembly.

The bill makes possible in each incorporated city, town, and borough, provided it is adopted by the voters of these districts, a reduction of 20 per cent a year on improvement and tangible personal property taxes with a corresponding increase in the tax on land value until all such levies are derived from valuable land.

SUN EXTOLLED AS WORLD LEADER

A memorial meeting in honor of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, Georgist father of the Chinese Republic at whose request "Progress and Poverty" and "Protection or Free Trade" were translated into Chinese by Dr. M.E. Macklin, was held in New York on April 26. Dr. Sun was extolled as "one of the world's great leaders."

The Henry George School of Social Science was represented by John Lawrence Monroe, field director, and Lancaster M. Greene, trustee, who presented copies of the translations to the speakers on the program. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Kuo Min Tang of America and the China Society of America.

GREENE TALKS AT PORT JEFFERSON

An address, "Economic conditions of today", by Lancaster M. Greene, member of the board of Trustees of the Henry George School of Social Science, was enthusiastically received last week by the Women's Study Club of Port Jefferson and Setauket, Long Island. The club expressed the hope that an instructor could be assigned to it to carry on the regular course in fundamental economics and social philosophy given by the Henry George School. The talk was arranged by Mrs. Allison Baylis, a member of Mr. Greene's class at headquarters.

FINANCE COMMITTEE SETS GOAL

A fund of \$2,500 by July 1 was announced as the goal of the Finance Committee of the Student-Alumni Council of the Henry George School of Social Science at its regular meeting on May 3 by John W. Angus, chairman. The committee, functioning for several months, seeks financial aid for the school from its alumni and has already collected \$715 in subscriptions.

"The committee is to meet once a week, starting May 21, to report progress, compare notes, and to work out ways and means to enable us to reach our goal", Mr. Angus stated. "A number of the alumni are now regular subscribers to the school and most of these are pledged to contribute \$1.00 a month."

The committee consists of Mr. Angus, chairman, Max Berkowitz, Mrs. Margaret Bingham, Lancaster M. Greene, Charles Joseph Smith, Carl Spanierman, Daniel Stein and Mrs. Madeleine Swarte.

WORLD PARLEY AGENDA GIVEN

London, England, (HGNS)--The Fifth International Conference to Promote Land Value Taxation and Free Trade, convened by the International Union of which former Senator Charles O'Connor Hennessey of the United States is president, will have as its first business and dominating note to make manifest the causes of the world's economic distress and demonstrate that its cure is nothing less than the freedom that Henry George preached, it is announced in Land and Liberty, 94 Petty France, London, S.W. 1. It will meet here Sept. 2 to 5.

To this end, the Union will invite, to the sessions on "The Economic Causes of War and Industrial Depression", delegations from societies and organizations over a large field both in Great Britain and other countries existing to promote peace and social reform. Special sessions will also be held on the practical application of land value taxation, to which municipalities and associations of municipal authorities will be invited to send delegates.

School Reports

Sessions will be held on the educational work of the movement and what should be done to promote it. At these, it is expected, reports of the progress and experience of the Henry George School of Social Science in various parts of the world will play an important part. Other sessions will be on the status and development of the movement in different countries and papers submitted for discussion on relevant topics.

Early registration and notice of intention to take part is particularly requested. Those who cannot attend are nevertheless urged to become enrolled members. The conference membership fee of ten shillings may be sent later, after enrollment, if it is desired. The fee, and any contribution toward the expenses of the conference, may be sent to Ashley Mitchell, treasurer, 94 Petty France, London, S.W. 1.

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of antiquated tenements and underimproved residential property at having to meet this new competition.

Forgotten Poor

And, he continued, if the work is successful in surmounting all these obstacles, the increased value of the land, as reflected in increased rents of the improvements, is so great that the very people for whom the work was undertaken cannot afford to live in the new buildings.

Furthermore, Professor Dewey declared, the soil erosion program with its attendant power projects now proposed by the national administration, its most beneficial undertaking, will, in the end, result in the taxpayer paying for improving and increasing the value of land privately owned.

"From an economic point of view, this certainly is a cock-eyed world", he averred.

Land Question

"I do not believe that Henry George said the last word on the subject of economics, but I do believe that no sound economic movement is possible without tackling the land question along the lines pointed out by this great economist and social philosopher", Dr. Dewey concluded.

Dr. Dewey, who attended the meeting as the guest of Anna George de Mille, daughter of Henry George, declared that he was proud to be the honorary president of so fine an institution and that the school had his best wishes for a continuation of its rapid growth and development.

BELL WRITING MC GLYNN LIFE

Sept. 27, 1937, will be the one-hundredth anniversary of the birth of Father Edward Mc Glynn, D.D., who was closely associated with Henry George and who suffered the loss of his parish, St. Stephen's in New York City, for a time until his complete exoneration, for the principles of human rights enunciated by George.

Stephen Bell, foreign editor of Commerce and Finance, a New York financial weekly, is at present at work on a biography of Father Mc Glynn which he hopes to have ready in time for the centenary of the liberty-loving priest's birth.

Mr. Bell says that material about Father Mc Glynn's private life is scarce as he was a poor correspondent. Mr. Bell would appreciate it if those having any memorabilia about Father Mc Glynn's private life would communicate with him, and he promises to see that any documents entrusted to him are safely returned.

ANGUS BRIDGE AIDS SCHOOL

A check for \$27.50 was sent to the Henry George School of Social Science by Mr. and Mrs. John W. Angus. The money was the net profit realized from a bridge party held on April 17 for the benefit of the school. Mr. Angus, chairman of the finance committee of the Student-Alumni Council, assures anyone who may need advice or help in arranging such an affair of his complete cooperation.

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NAMED ALUMNI COORDINATOR

Miss Helen D. Denbigh, an educator, has accepted the task of coordinating the activities of Georgists anxious to aid in the work. O.K. Dorn, acting director of the school, announced.

"The usual thought in the minds of graduates of the Henry George School of Social Science is the desire to aid the Georgist movement," it was pointed out.

"Frequently, this feeling is almost missionary in spirit. There are numerous activities at the School which can absorb and then radiate all these energies, but even these groups cannot provide for all graduates, since their abilities are so varied.

"The work of coordinating the activities of these Georgists is to be the special field of Miss Denbigh."

Miss Denbigh is vice president of the Henry George Fellowship and president of the Student-Alumni Council.

DINNER GIVEN DR. DEWEY

Professor John Dewey, noted American philosopher and Honorary President of the Henry George School of Social Science, was the guest of Mrs. Anna George de Mille, president of the board of trustees of the school and daughter of Henry George, at a dinner at the Hotel Lucerne on May 6.

O.K. Dorn, acting director of the school, John Lawrence Monroe, field director, Herbert M. Garn, dean of the faculty, Miss Helen D. Denbigh, president of the Student-Alumni Council, and members of the board of trustees and the faculty were present.

Afterward, Mrs. de Mille accompanied Dr. Dewey on a visit to the school, where the educator saw, in Mr. Garn's teacher training class, potential teachers in action. Arthur H. Vetterman's class in the basic course also was visited. Afterward, the party escorted Dr. Dewey to Pythian Temple, where he was the speaker at a meeting of the Henry George Fellowship.

HOUSTON CHAPTER NAMES CHRISTMAN

Houston, Texas (HGNS)—C.J. Christman, an oil engineer and until recently a student at the Henry George School of Social Science here, of which Mrs. Bessie B. Truehart is extension secretary, was elected the first president of the Houston Chapter of the Henry George Fellowship. Other officers are Mr. Tucker, Mr. Wiggins and Mr. Loomis.

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Press Studies

An important phase of the writers committee is being carried on under the Committee on Publication, E.W. Bell, acting chairman. Salvatore Fiore, Jr., secretary of the committee, reported in Mr. Bell's absence that they are contacting prominent Georgist letter writers to further the writing of letters-to-editors and mistakes and misinterpretations of Georgist social philosophy are being corrected. A thorough classification of writers, both geographically and by subject, is being made.

Mr. Lissner finished the report of his sub-committees with an appeal for aid in the various activities, present and projected.

Chapter's Purpose

Alexander I. Muson, chairman of the Promotion Committee, told of the birth of the New York Chapter in answer to the inevitable question: "What are we going to do about it", and outlined the plans of his committee in answer to that question.

"We must aid the school to secure as many students as possible", Mr. Muson said, "and we are going about this in every conceivable manner."

Research Aim

Reporting for Don Marcellus of the Research Committee, Miss Alfhild Johnson spoke of the need of having concrete proof of the benefits of land value taxation. "If we Georgists are called on to show what effects this measure would have", she said, "we must have statistics on its effect in aiding labor, business and agriculture."

Mrs. R.S. Tipson, chairman of the School Committee, related the work being done to make the school a more comfortable place in which to study. Reports of the Library Committee and the Public Speaking Committee, under Otto J. Fox and Mr. Fiore, respectively, were made.

Art Group

Robert Clancy, who reported the progress made by the Library Committee in establishing and classifying books in the seminar room, told of the need of a Georgist art group.

"Other social philosophies have been given expression through the medium of art, and we must establish means for the expression of Henry George's philosophy through this medium," he said. Mr. Clancy is now engaged in painting murals for the school library.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Miss Edith Lee Salkay in the absence of Miss Joan F. McNally, Secretary of the Fellowship.

MRS. C.O. C. HENNESSY

Cocoa Park, Fla., (HGNS)—Mrs. Charles O'Connor Hennessy, wife of the president of the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation and the International Union for Land Value Taxation and Free Trade, died on April 24 after a month's illness. Mrs. Hennessy was stricken while she and former Senator Hennessy were spending their usual winter vacation here. They had celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Christmas Eve, 1934. Mrs. Hennessy was known throughout the world as a comrade of her husband in the Henry George movement and a valiant fighter for the cause.

HOSTS DEMAND BENGOUGH PRIMER

Demand for the booklet, "The-Up-To-Date Primer: A First Book of Lessons for Little Political Economists in Words of One Syllable with Pictures", by the noted Canadian cartoonist, John W. Bengough, has been so great a new supply will soon be needed, according to Miss Antoinette Kaufmann, executive secretary of the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation, 11 Park Place, New York, the publisher.

A free copy of the work was sent to extension instructors of the Henry George School of Social Science throughout the country and it was found so helpful that quantity orders were sent in. The Single Tax Association of Canada ordered 50 copies for itself and had the foundation send 141 copies, as a gift, to Jackson H. Ralston and Noah D. Alper of the Sales Tax Repeal Association of California.

A special campaign is planned by the California group to circulate the booklets in connection with the program in behalf of the Ralston Land Value Taxation Amendment.

Among the extension instructors using the "Primer" in quantities are Julian P. Hickok of Philadelphia, Hollis C. Joy of San Diego and Mrs. Bessie Beach Truehart in Houston, Texas.

A new printing of Henry George's "The Single Tax: What It Is and Why We Urge It", just released, is also attracting a large demand.

RALSTON FOES MOBILIZE FOREST

Los Angeles, Calif., (HGNS)--To coordinate the activities of the groups of landowners and their allies who are fighting adopting of the Ralston Amendment to Repeal the Sales Tax and Increase Land Value Taxation, the California Committee Against the Sales Tax, sponsored by real estate interests and manned by their most competent employees, has been established here. A non-partisan committee of 200, drawn entirely from the privileged classes, is supporting the committee.

FOUNDATION SPURS PAMPHLET USE

Ten thousand copies of the new catalog of the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation, 11 Park Place, have just been printed listing the foundation's publications, Miss Antoinette Kaufmann, executive secretary, announced.

Together with a letter pointing out that Georgists everywhere can carry on the work of the movement during the summer by distributing pamphlet literature and calling attention to George's books, the catalog is being sent to thousands of veteran followers of Henry George and other thousands of students of the Henry George School of Social Science all over the country, Miss Kaufmann said.

"Opportunities may arise during the summer months," she continued, "to discuss with new or old friends the importance of the 'land question as related to human welfare', in 'Progress and Poverty'."

"The foundation depends for its advertising largely upon the help of friends. Let us know if we are sending mail to the right name and address. Send, according to the list, for a quantity of pamphlets to be used as 'fillers' in correspondence. Acquaint your friends with the foundation as a headquarters for Georgist literature.

"And send for a quantity of books that you can personally distribute this summer."

SPANISH GEORGISTS THIRD PARTY

Madrid, Spain, (HGNS)--The Republican Union party, which has a strong Georgist platform, was third in strength of the Left parties supporting the Popular Front which won the recent elections, according to Land and Liberty. There are ten Georgists, including two vice presidents of the Liga Georgeista in the new Cortes (Parliament) and the head of the party is the new speaker of the house. Don Fernando Valera, vice president of the Liga Georgeista, has been appointed to an important post in the Ministry of Industry.

FIGHTS ON AT 90

Houston, Texas, (HGNS)--James Charlton, county treasurer for 31 years and a member of the old "Log Cabin" group of Georgists who fathered the Houston Plan, celebrated his ninetieth birthday. He and P.W. Schwander, the other survivor of the group, are sponsors of the Houston extension of the Henry George School of Social Science, the third class of which organized April 28 under Mrs. Bessie Beach Truehart. During a term as school board president, Mr. Charlton introduced the free textbook custom which later became a state law.

DEWEY BACKS HEARST STRIKE

Milwaukee, Wis., (HGNS)--Dr. John Dewey, long a leading figure in the American Federation of Teachers, the teachers' union, is a member of the Citizens Hearst Strike Committee in support of the American Newspaper Guild strike of editorial employees of The Wisconsin News here. The committee has headquarters in Suite 702, 31 Union Square, New York.

LANSBURY EULOGIZES GEORGE

The Rt. Hon. George Lansbury, M.P., prominent British labor leader made a lecture tour of 18 American cities recently. At the opening lecture at Carnegie Hall in New York in early April, Mr. Lansbury spoke of Henry George as America's great apostle of liberty and advised his audience to study Henry George's works. The Emergency Peace Campaign sponsored Mr. Lansbury's tour.

In the March issue of Labour, official magazine of the National Council of Labour, London, Mr. Lansbury, a Christian Socialist, paid an extended tribute to Henry George and declared that "Progress and Poverty", written over fifty years ago by the great philosopher, "is as true a description now as then of the evils of monopoly." An extract from the article was reprinted in Land and Liberty of London for April.

FELLOWSHIP GAINS 11 CHAPTERS

Eleven cities now have local chapters of the Henry George Fellowship - Houston, Chicago, Minneapolis, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, Philadelphia, Omaha, District of Columbia, Cleveland, New York, and Toronto. The alumni of the school and extensions throughout the nation are active, and other chapters are expected to form in the near future.

TELLS HOUSING PROBLEM'S SOLUTION

State College, Pa., (HGNS)--Discussing "Taxation as a Factor in Housing for Low-income Groups" before the Conference on Low-Cost Housing at the Pennsylvania State College, Harold S. Buttenheim, editor of The American City and president of the Tax Policy League, advocated land value taxation as a fundamental solution of the housing problem.

"Social and economic justice requires the ultimate wiping out of private equities in land value to such extent as may be necessary to restore to the community the equities which it creates," Mr. Buttenheim said.

"This does not mean, of course, the wiping out of all private equities in real estate values: for the collection by the local government of the community-created ground rent would permit the repeal of taxes on the privately created part of real estate--on homes, business buildings, and other man-made improvements in or on the land."

"This transfer to avoid needless hardship should be by gradual steps. When fully carried out, the problem of slum-clearance and low-cost housing would be largely solved. "An important by-product would be its discouragement and ultimate extinction of speculation in land."

BRITISH TOWN HITS TAXES

Stoke-on-Trent, England, (HGNS)--The present system of municipal taxation "is inadequate and should be carefully considered in all its aspects, particularly in regard to land values, and amended to meet present conditions" it was declared in a resolution adopted at a conference of delegates from sixty municipal authorities, according to Land and Liberty of London. The vote was 46 to 12.

Andrew MacLaren, Georgist M.P., and Arthur W. Madsen of the United Committee for the Taxation of Land Values were guests at the conference. The parley was convened by the city council and Alderman J.H. Dale, the Lord Mayor, presided. Several Aldermen also presented the case for land value taxation.

GEORGISTS THUNDER IN BUDGET DEBATE

London, England (HGNS)--Georgist members of Parliament seized upon the presentation of the Budget by the Chancellor of the Exchequer to present the need for the taxation of land values to relieve people of all classes from the intolerable burdens of present taxation, Land and Liberty reports. Daniel Hopkin of the Labour party argued for land value taxation. Sir Archibald Sinclair, Liberal, attacked protectionism. Pethwick-Lawrence, Labour, hit the militaristic arms building of the Tory government as a provocative policy throwing additional burdens on harassed taxpayers.

LEACH HEADS TORONTO SCHOOL

Toronto, Canada (HGNS)--Frank J. Leach has been named extension secretary of the Henry George School of Social Science here. The Bulletin of the Single Tax Association of Canada announces in its current issue. Mr. Leach is newly-married, his bride being the former Miss Wainwright, who attended the central extension class with him last winter. Their wedding was the first in the extension's first graduating class. Congratulations have been extended to Mr. and Mrs. Leach on behalf of their fellow-Georgists.