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DINNER TO CELEBRATE NEW YORK COMMENCEMENT

NEW YORK (HGNS) - The New York Chapter of the Henry George Fellowship will sponsor the commencement dinner to the graduates of the spring term of the Henry George School of Social Science, 211 West 79th Street, at the Roger Smith Restaurant, 40 East 41st Street, on Friday evening, June 11. A contingent from the Jersey City Extension will participate.

Among the speakers on the program are Mac V. Edds, instructor of the Montclair and Plainfield Extensions, Anna George de Mille, president of the Board of Trustees of the School and Frank Chodorov, business manager. Lancaster M. Greene, a member of the Board and the faculty will act as toastmaster and Sidney Tobias, president of the New York Chapter of the Fellowship will welcome the guests.

Fifteen representatives, one from each graduating class at National Headquarters will be asked to give their opinions of the course.

All the speakers have been requested to limit themselves to short talks to leave plenty of time for the dancing which will follow the dinner.

FOUNDATION PRINTS TENTH EDITION OF PROGRESS AND POVERTY

NEW YORK (HGNS) - The tenth edition printed from the plates of the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation has just come off the press. It numbers 10,000 and is the largest printing ever undertaken by the Foundation, which was established to publish the works and promote the economics of Henry George under the will of the man whose name it bears.

The Acting Secretary, Miss V.G. Peterson, announces that in the twelve months from May 1, 1936 to April 30 orders for books were received from twenty three colleges and universities, among them Antioch, Johns Hopkins, New York University, Columbia and Harvard. Only recently sixty five copies were sent to Princeton University.

Sales for the month of April were five and a half times greater than for the same month last year.

HENRY GEORGE SCHOOL OF NEW ZEALAND PROPOSED

AUCKLAND, N.Z. (HGNS) - A college of social science to be known as the Henry George College of Social Science of New Zealand, patterned upon the Henry George School of New York was decided upon at a conference held here recently of land restoration and free trade enthusiasts at which delegates attended from points as far distant as Wellington.

A constitution for the proposed college was adopted and officers were appointed: C.D. McLean, president; G.M. Fowlds and F.G. Rhodes, vice presidents; C.H. Nightingale, treasurer; H. Middleton, secretary; the Rev. D.H. Stewart, field director and Messrs Knight, Peterson and R.E. Taylor as executives.

It was agreed to form classes in fundamental economics in Auckland and Matamata immediately and to establish an Auckland branch of the Commonwealth Land Party.

ADELAIDE EXTENSION SPONSORED BY HENRY GEORGE LEAGUE

ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA (HGNS) - At a meeting of the Study Circle of the Henry George League of South Australia on April 13, it was decided to form a class at the League's headquarters, George Parade, off 11 Carrington St., to pursue the course of study set down by the Henry George School of Social Science, 211 W. 79th Street, New York.

The opening date was set at May 4 and invitations were extended to everybody interested in social problems to join the class and obtain free tuition in fundamental economics and the causes of social unrest.

NEW WORD INTRODUCED IN LITERATURE OF HENRY GEORGE SCHOOL

NEW YORK (HGNS) - A word that will be met with in the literature of the Henry George School of Social Science is "schoolman." It is defined as "one who believes that the way to solve the problem of poverty is to teach the philosophy of Henry George as expounded in his great book 'Progress and Poverty' - and is anxious to help the School program by teaching, helping to organize classes or giving financial aid to the work," and was introduced into the School vocabulary by John Lawrence Monroe, field director, in a letter calling upon all the friends of the school movement to cooperate and make a reality of his vision of 500 classes and 10,000 students between September 27 and December 13.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS HAS NEW EDITOR

CHICAGO (HGNS) - Jean Berry, a member of the publicity committee of the Chicago Chapter of the Henry George Fellowship was elected editor of the Henry George Fellowship News at a meeting of the Council on April 20, to succeed Nathan Hillman, who asked to be relieved of this responsibility because of the pressure of other business and his duties as national president of the Federated Chapters of the Henry George Fellowship.

Miss Berry is a graduate of George Tideman's class.

SYDNEY CLASSES DOING WELL

SYDNEY, N.S.W. (HGNS) - An excellent opportunity for securing sound economic knowledge is offered to the readers of the Standard of Sydney by Dr. Miller, director of the Senior Extension Class of the Henry George School of Social Science. The class meets at the Henry George Rooms, Daking House, on Wednesday nights at 8 o'clock.

Robert Clinch, who conducts the Junior Class reports that the study of The Condition of Labor has been concluded and the students are now taking The Science of Political Economy.

The Lakemba Branch of the School is doing well with an attendance of 20. The success of this class has been highly gratifying to the officers of the Lakemba Henry George League which is sponsoring the economics science classes.

LAWSON PURDY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF SCHALKENBACH FOUNDATION

NEW YORK (HGNS) - At its annual meeting on May 25, the Board of Directors of the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation, created in 1924 by the will of Robert Schalkenbach to publish and distribute the works of Henry George, elected Lawson Purdy, one of its charter members, president, to fill the vacancy left by the death of Charles O'Connor Hennessy last October.

Mr. Purdy is a noted authority on public finance and a pioneer on regional planning. As president of the Board of Taxes and Assessments of the City of New York from 1906 to 1917 he introduced the practice of separating land values from the improvements for taxation purposes.

He is the only surviving member of the Committee of five appointed by Henry George in the days of his mayoralty campaign. At the present time Mr. Purdy is business manager of the Trinity Corporation and the president of the Russell Sage Foundation.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO STUDY LAND VALUE LEGISLATION

COPENHAGEN (HGNS) - A Commission of 21 members has been appointed by the Finance Minister to inquire into the question of taxation and make recommendation. The Commission has been requested to consider the real property taxes for both state and local purposes with a view to developing further the land values legislation and the transfer of taxation to land values; also to investigate means for improving valuation methods and procedure, according to an item in the May issue of Land and Liberty, "monthly journal for land valuation and free trade."

Members of the Commission include three well known authorities on the question of land value taxation -- Mr. Smorum, M.P., H.C.Henningsen, Vice Chairmen of the Commission and K.J.Kristensen, Chief of the Central Valuation Board.

ONLY TAXATION OF LAND VALUES WILL SOLVE FARM PROBLEM EDITOR HOLDS

OMAHA, NEBR. (HGNS) - That cooperation will not solve the farm problem, nor will anything else, if all the increase in the farmer's income is allowed to be absorbed in land prices is nowhere better illustrated than in Denmark, says L.S.Herron, editor of the Nebraska Union Farmer in an article which appeared in the issue of April 28.

Danish farmers have almost completely relieved themselves of exploitation in marketing their products and purchasing their farm and household supplies. Furthermore, by a system of low-interest loans for the purchase of farms, farm tenancy in that country has been reduced to about 6%.

But a recent report on Danish Agriculture issued by the United States Department of Agriculture shows that Danish farms, as an average, are mortgaged for 86% and 90% of their value, and many of them are mortgaged for more than they are worth. As a result, there is a rather acute farm problem in Denmark. Debt-moratorium legislation has been enacted, and there is agitation for a scaling down of farm indebtedness.

The tendency for all increases in income to be absorbed in land prices must be generally recognized, as economists have recognized it for over a hundred years, and steps must be taken to prevent it, if we are to have a permanently prosperous and unburdened agriculture. The remedy that preserves private possession and fits in with a free economy--the remedy now being advocated in Denmark--is to place all taxes on land values."

SPECIALISTS TO LECTURE ON TAX REFORM AT "UNIVERSITY IN EXILE"

NEW YORK (HGNS)- The Graduate Faculty of Political and Social Science of the New School for Social Research, "The University in Exile," announced that Professor Gerhard Colm, a specialist in world economics and public finance would give a course on "Economic Reform Through Tax Reform" in the Spring, 1938, term.

Professor Colm, who is an authority on the taxation of unearned increment, will discuss the following topics: The role of taxation in a laissez-faire, in an interventionist and ... in a planned economy--Redistribution of wealth and income through taxation?--Increasing the standard of living through taxation?--Smoothing the business cycle through taxation?--Rationalizing the distribution of population and the location of industry through taxation.

In the Fall, 1937, term Dr. Colm will lecture on "The Reform of the American Tax System." In the Spring term Professor Karl Brandt will give a course in "Principles of Land Valuation," discussing the theory of valuation, the character of land value, methods of appraisal and the various dynamic factors within the structure of values and the problems involved for valuation. Professor Eduard Heimann will lecture in the Fall term on "Ethics and Economics."

PEACE MOVEMENT URGED TO STUDY LAND PROBLEM

BRISTON, ENGLAND (HGNS) - Efforts are being made by the Bristol League for the Taxation of Land Values toward getting the Peace movements to examine the land problem more exhaustively with a view to promoting concerted action on land value taxation.