

FRANK A. W. LUCAS

The Honorable F. A. W. Lucas, president of the International Union for Land Value Taxation, died at his home in Johannesburg on April 22nd. He will be remembered by all who heard him when he lectured extensively in the United States in 1955 under the auspices of the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation.

Speaking to a commencement group in New York at the Henry George School, just before returning to South Africa, he urged graduates to write out something every day to clarify some item in the newspaper, even if they tore it up afterwards. Excellent advice! A gifted speaker, the Judge impressed upon the audience that all are enlisted in a great fight. All over the world people who are very poor think the Communists will help them. "The only thing that will help them is the application of the principles of Henry George," he said. It is of paramount importance and urgency that you tell as many people as you can that Henry George taught, not merely a land reform, but justice.

Judge Lucas became interested in the land question in 1910 and joined the South African Labor party, pledging himself to support land value taxation. He drafted bills which became effective in 1916 and which have contributed significantly to the civic improvement of Johannesburg. In a life of vigorous reform, he is credited with many forward steps, including championship of free education, and equal rights for women. He was, until his retirement, a judge of the Supreme Court of South Africa, and was for ten years chairman of the wage board.

