

Congressman William J. Gallagher Honored at International Headquarters



Congressman William J. Gallagher, of Minnesota, is shown with Anna George deMille, president of the Board of Trustees of the Henry George School, at the reception given in his honor at International headquarters in New York.

On Sunday afternoon, January 7, 1945, the Henry George School held a reception at international headquarters in New York in honor of William J. Gallagher, recent-

ly elected Congressman from Minnesota. An overflow audience was present to welcome Congressman Gallagher, who was accompanied by Mrs. Gallagher and their daughter, Mrs. Thompson.

After expressing his pleasure at being welcomed to the Henry George School by the daughter of Henry George, Mrs. Anna George deMille, Congressman Gallagher, whose election was described as one of Minnesota's most amazing political upsets, told his audience how he met Henry George in 1892 and is still inspired by the courage of this great thinker and philosopher, whom he considers the greatest man he ever met. Congressman Gallagher first studied the works of Henry George at the age of 19. He worked on the "National Single

Taxer" in 1895, when that magazine was edited by George P. Hanson, and he later worked on Freeman's "Labor Journal," which espoused Henry George's philosophy of freedom. Today, at 69, he has been expounding this philosophy for 50 years—and he is just as vigorous about it as he has ever been.

Congressman Gallagher managed his own campaign at a cost of only \$100. His platform recommended the abolition of taxes on production and the collection of ground rent by the community, and he takes pride in the fact that by his advocacy of the doctrines

of Henry George he did not lose a single vote, but on the contrary, due to the way in which he presented these ideas, made many friends. He intends to go on speak-

ing and writing at every opportunity on the philosophy of Henry George. He pointed out that there are other Georgists in Congress, such as Voorhis of California.

The Congressman heartily endorsed the educational purpose of the school. He explained that although Georgists are interested in politics, as are all alert-minded people, the Henry George School has a special role in teaching political economy to people of any party. These teachings are universal in character, and apply to every country in the world, as all are suffering from identically the same maladjustment of society to its own growth.

After the reception Congressman Gallagher appeared as a guest on the coast-to-coast radio program "We the People."