

Henry George Week

HENRY GEORGE was born September 2, 1839. For eleven years September 2nd has been known as Henry George Day in New York, to be observed in a fitting manner. This is the first time, as far as is known, that an entire Henry George Week has been celebrated.

Just before the International Conference opened, a striking parchment from the office of Mayor Robert F. Wagner called "the attention of the people to the 125th anniversary of the birth of Henry George, the 85th anniversary of his masterwork *Progress and Poverty*, and the significant contribution made by this renowned American," naming the week of August 31st to September 6th in his honor.

The proclamation referred to George as "a man of letters whose profound thinking in economic science and political economy and whose lessons in progress and poverty won for him the commendation and respect of scholars and statesmen from his own time to the present day," and whose "expert diagnosis to cure the many problems that cropped up in the nation's great

industrial progress inspired the establishment of an educational institution, non-profit, non-sectarian and non-political, for the purpose of teaching fundamental economics and social philosophy."

Though his widest and latest activity was in New York, Henry George was born in Philadelphia. Equally impressive, therefore, was the document from Mayor James H. J. Tate, naming September 2nd Henry George Day and urging Philadelphians to honor a distinguished author and economist and join in recognition of the International Conference bringing together members from Europe, Australia, Asia and Africa, who would visit the birthplace of Henry George at 413 South 10th Street on that date.

In like manner good Mayor James Clarkson of Southfield, Michigan, requested homage to "this outstanding American author and statesman" on the same date. Chicago also participated in a proclamation to observe the memorable day, as did Syracuse, New York and Newark, New Jersey, among others.

Next month read Professor Clyde Reeves' views on "The Paradoxes of Henry George" and other conference echoes, as well as news of recent Georgist activities.

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