

"We Will Get Results"

RONALD YOUNG of Toronto, a youthful Scot with sandy hair, a broad grin and infectious burr, told amusingly of his exposure to the Henry George idea six years ago through Harry Pollard, then director of the Toronto extension. He responded with zeal and action, but when he wanted to "do something" he found himself against a brick wall. "You tend to think of the finish as well as the beginning," he said. "I tried to think of a good approach—something that would work—I wanted to change things." He recalled a "hopeless, helpless fear" in trying to "sell this thing."

"The principles are clear, they will never die, but there's more than just selling the principle," he warned, "you have to get it to work." Now after six years he is getting "a glimmer" of how it might be done. He thinks the idea must be presented individually through the example of free enterprise, with research on a detailed basis that business men can see is practical. He suggested that there are perhaps some 500 groups or organizations which espouse certain segments of Henry George—these might be induced to synchronize their efforts for the sake of a principle.

He is convinced that political results have got to be in votes that change legislation, and believes politics should help the school rather than vice versa. The Henry George School is not his particular concern at present, for he feels this idea cannot be sold as it is currently being taught there, since it is hard to interest a working man in "poverty" in this welfare age when presumably no one is poor. Addressing school directors in the audience, he

evinced laughter and agreement when he said, "I don't know how you do it on the money you get. If a depression does come along you fellows are really in training for it."

"I do believe things are going to get worse, because the people of this country are disregarding certain financial and economic truths," he enunciated firmly. "I believe either one of two things is going to happen, (a) total depression; or (b) total socialism, which will be communism—and I do not believe the people of this continent will accept total socialism. Therefore I predict that a cessation of production will be our lot. Good solid constructive research into this predicament from a Georgist standpoint could give us a fairly accurate assessment as to the approximate date of this catastrophe, but as far as I'm concerned we can invent a date. On the assumption that it is inevitable, a pretty good guess is that it's going to happen soon."

Referring to a plan of action, without revealing it specifically, he said, "soon in Toronto, in Ontario, in Canada, we will get results. The peoples of this great and rich country shall soon emerge as a powerful nation with each and every Canadian, regardless of his origin, knowing exactly what and who he is, and they shall form a real and convincing argument against the zombies of the state. A population of 18 million will be easier to convince than 190 million. Canada will become one of the most powerful nations on earth, not by guns or machines of war, but by letting Canadians become the freest human beings the world has ever seen."

That government is the strongest of which every man feels himself a part.

— Thomas Jefferson