

## 1944-04-17 Taxation Topic Of Club Men

Speaking on the topic "Economic Freedom versus Totalitarianism" at a meeting of the Saturday Night Club at the Y.M.C.A. on Saturday, John Howard, quoting from a statement contained in the Congressional record of April 28, 1940 by Comfort A. Adams, Dean of Harvard School of Engineering, said, "I am convinced that the only reform which will save any remnant of our present capitalist system is that proposed by Henry George more than 50 years ago."

Mr. Howard also quoted from a statement of Dr. Sun Yat Sen who said "I intend to devote my future to the promotion of the welfare of the Chinese people. The teachings of your single taxer, Henry George, will be the basis of our program of reform. The land value tax is the only means of supporting the government that is a just, reasonable and equitably distributed tax."

The speaker pointed out that many places that the tax on land, and not on improvements, has been the stimulus to greater production and greater use of the soil.

The Henry George theory of taxation and wages was fully discussed as well as his law of wages and rent.

"Once private enterprise is free of the shackles of taxation, and land values only pay the taxes, we will enjoy an era of production that will eliminate unemployment and poverty." Mr. Howard asserted.

Dr. Louis H. Schwartz, vice-president of the club, was chairman of the evening.

John Leahy, as current events leader, spoke on "Arousing the Republican Party by Wendell Wilkie," "Cordell Hull, regarding our Foreign Policy." and "MacArthur's entrance in to the political campaign."