

### World Democratic Government

May I thank the school for its excellently planned correspondence course. I do not find it easy to make converts, however. So few people have time to study Henry George's economic philosophy these days. I see in THE FREEMAN that the war is making it difficult for more experienced Georgists also. They seem to think that Peace is necessary for the growth of the Henry George movement.

Therefore it has occurred to me that Georgists should be interested in the movement for a just and durable Peace for which I was working when The Classics Club sent me "Progress and Poverty." I mean the Cause of World Democratic Government. The movement for World Democratic Government believes that the world is now one community; that communities without governments perish; that we have no alternative to World Democratic Government except endless wars; that, therefore, we should establish a Constitution for the Federation of the World; that that Constitution should be written now and advertised to the ends of the earth; that this is the way to win the war, for as people think, so they will fight.

The Declaration of the Federation of the World was passed by the North Carolina Legislature in March, 1941. In May, 1942, the New Jersey Legislature memorialized Congress on the subject of World Federation. We expect to submit similar proposals to several more state legislatures, when they go into session this January.

World Democratic Government, it seems to me, is inherent in Henry George's philosophy. I do not suggest that Georgists as such work for this movement, but that they do so as individuals. Neither movement can afford to gain the opposition of those who oppose the other movement. But when World Democratic Government has guaranteed Peace and political freedom and also, I hope, written into the World Constitution freedom from want at least as a pious hope, we Georgists, will have a fertile field, which we have not got now.

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