

World Republic

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Wholeheartedly as I am for the Single Tax, it is annoying to hear Georgists advocate it as a cure for all our ills, including war; nor could its adoption by all the nations of the earth put a stop to war.

Henry George taught that the law of human progress (Progress and Poverty" page 426 or 508) is "association in equality." The industrial revolution has made the whole world into one community, one neighborhood, and "association" now means the world. "Equality" means equality before the law. To have world-wide equality before the law you must first establish a Constitution for a World Government to make laws for all men in their relationships across national boundary lines. In 1945 Georgists should be teaching that the earth and all its resources belong to all the people of the earth equally, and justice requires a world government to make the earth and its resources equally available to all people. In 1945 the Single Tax reform should be a world reform and to get it Georgists must first get world government.

If any Georgist's nationalism is too strong to accept these truths let him read Henry George again and discover that Henry George pledged his allegiance not to one group (one nation) but to all mankind, and fought for liberty and justice not for just one group, but for all mankind.

What we have now is not "association in equality" but association in anarchy, which, as Henry George said, breeds nothing but conflict—financial, economic and political. What we need is a World Republic, and that is just what President Truman called for in his Kansas City speech in July.

So long as the relationship between nations is anarchy, reforms on a national scale are a waste of effort. Whatever we may accomplish will be destroyed by the anarchy existing between nations, when that anarchy again culminates in World War III.
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