

## American Alliance to Advance Freedom

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The headquarters of the Alliance are rapidly becoming a rallying point for Georgeists seeking active participation in the movement. Our program is organized on a broad base permitting the inclusion of the widest variety of activities. We believe that every practicable plan for furthering the cause should be given a trial, but under coordination with other efforts so that the movement as a whole can enjoy the benefits of such experiences and the natural advantages of cooperation. It is this point which we should like to make especially clear to fellow Georgeists throughout the country; it is on this basis that we hope to organize a national movement. All who are interested in probing the possibilities of a nationally coordinated movement are invited to visit our headquarters, if that is possible, or else to write to us. Though our financial resources are limited, we welcome suggestions and plans and will give acceptable ideas as thorough a trial as we can.

In one respect the program of the Alliance is proving a marked success, though on a small scale for the time being: our classes are producing active workers in the cause. That is, coordination of the academic approach with propagandistic activities provides immediate opportunities for action for those who attend classes and become convinced of the Single Tax. The question, What can I do about it? is answered with a specific assignment. A number of students in the current classes have already become members of the American Alliance (without solicitation) even though they have not yet completed the

\*In our last issue we appended a note to Mr. Bashian's article, "The Eternal Struggle," stating that he was a Trustee of the Henry George Institute. This was an error. Mr. Bashian has been elected a Director since the incorporation of the Institute.—Ed.

course. Some students have made contributions, and practically all offer to help in our work.

The most popular activity of the Alliance is our Thursday evening Current Events Discussion Group. Attendance is not limited to members; all are welcome. The scope of the sessions has been enlarged to include a series of talks and discussions on famous Georgeists and the background of the Georgeist movement. The first speaker in this series was Miss V. G. Peterson, Executive Secretary of the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation. On March 5 Miss Peterson delivered a talk to an enthusiastic audience at our headquarters on Joseph Fels and Robert Schalkenbach, and emphasized the functions and objectives of the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation. The marked interest of the audience, which consisted of many who are comparatively

new to the movement, testified to the need for spreading information on this subject among those who, we anticipate, will take an active part in Georgeist work.

Others in the series of talks on famous Georgeists are as follows: On March 19, Henry Lowenberg, eminent attorney and lecturer, spoke on Oscar H. Geiger, founder of the Henry George School. Mr. Lowenberg was one of the original members of Mr. Geiger's Round Table. Mrs. Anna George de Mille, daughter of Henry George and President of the Henry George School Board of Trustees, is participating in this series by delivering a talk on her father on April 9. Followers of George often neglect the human side of the great Single Taxer. He was in every sense of the word a man of the people. His life made a fitting counterpart to his philosophy, and no one is better equipped to tell us about the man himself than his daughter. Charles Johnson Post will speak on his famous father, Louis F. Post, on April 16, and on April 30 J. H. Newman will tell the group about Joseph Dana Miller, founder of LAND AND FREEDOM.

On March 26 Walter Fairchild, co-author of "A Code of Law for the Single Tax Proposal of Henry George," gave an important address on "Slum Clearance and Land Monopoly in New York City."

In line with our efforts to promote a nation-wide Georgeist fraternity, we are forming a National Advisory Council. The Council now consists of the following: Gilbert M. Tucker, author of "The Path to Prosperity"; Frank Ewing and Grace Isabel Colbron, both prominent Georgeists; Gaston Haxo, author of "The Philosophy of Freedom"; Charles Jos. Smith, editor of LAND AND FREEDOM and a trustee of the Henry George Foundation of America; Francis G. Goodale, prominent Boston attorney and a director of the Henry George Institute of New England; and Hon. Charles R. Eckert, ex-Congressman.

Under the direction of Mrs. Celia Chancas we have accumulated and organized an extensive file of current material on social and economic problems. Newspaper clippings, pamphlets and magazine articles make up this library of information on what leading men and women are saying and proposing

on the tasks that confront our embattled world. This file is serving as a ready source of facts for use in current events discussion, lectures and articles.

Space does not permit enumeration of our various other activities and plans nor extended comment on those already referred to. However, we again invite all who want to see the Georgeist movement grow large enough to influence world affairs to write us or call at our quarters. The address: 160 Fifth Avenue, New York.