

DIARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Monday, July 28

From 4.00 p.m. Registration of Members. At 7.00 p.m. Preliminary Meeting. Confirmation of Programme. Appointment of the Conference Committees.

Tuesday, July 29.

9.30 a.m. Civic reception by Vice-Burgomaster Scheibel of Odense City. Address of Welcome by Arnold Poulsen, Chairman of the Danish Committee, on behalf of the Henry George Forening. Presidential Address by J. Rupert Mason: "Human Rights and State Duties."

1.45 p.m. "The Henry George Movement in Denmark through Half a Century," by Dan Bjørner, Hon. Secretary of the Henry George Forening.

3.30 p.m. "Justice and Monetary Policy," by Professor Glenn E. Hoover, of Mills College, Oakland, California.

8.00 p.m. "International Trade (*Without Statistics*)" by Ashley Mitchell, Textile Manufacturer, Huddersfield, England.

Wednesday, July 30

9.30 a.m. Address: "Our Daily Bread," by Dr. Viggo Starcke, Justice Party Member of the Danish Parliament.

10.30 a.m. "France Faced with the Need for Radical Fiscal Reform," by Max Toubeau, Hon. General Secretary of the French Ligue pour la Réforme Foncière et Fiscale et le Libre Echange.

1.45 p.m. Whole afternoon excursion to the Smallholdings Colony at Nislevgaard.

8.00 p.m. "Smallholdings—Large Farms," by Harald Grønberg, Principal of the Folk High School in Odense, where the Conference met.

Thursday, July 31

9.30 a.m. "Some Problems Connected with the Full Collection of Economic Rent," by K. J. Kristensen, Chief of the Danish Land Valuation Department.

1.45 p.m. Whole afternoon excursion to the Estate and Castle of Brahe Trolleborg and the surrounding countryside.

8.30 p.m. General Meeting of Members of the International Union for Land Value Taxation and Free Trade.

Friday, August 1

9.30 a.m. "The Great American Tax Shift," by Noah D. Alper, Director of the St. Louis Extension of the Henry George School of Social Science and President of the Public Revenue Education Council of St. Louis, Missouri.

10.30 a.m. "Land Value Taxation in Great Britain—Parliamentary Survey Covering the Years 1906 to 1951," by A. W. Madsen, Editor of *LAND & LIBERTY*, Secretary of the United Committee for the Taxation of Land Values and of the International Union.

1.45 p.m. "The Commerce and Industry Division of the Henry George School of Social Science, Chicago," by Mrs. Jessie Matteson, Programme Secretary. "The Robert Schalkenbach Foundation, New York—Publications and Educational Activities, 1949 to 1952," by Miss V. G. Peterson, Secretary of the Foundation.

3.30 p.m. "Three Years' Growth of the Henry George School in America and Canada," by Robert Clancy, Director of the School. "Teaching Economics—Experiences at the Henry George School, London," by V. H. Blundell, Director of Studies.

7.00 p.m. Report from Resolutions Committee. Adoption of General Declaration.

8.00 p.m. Festive Evening. Entertainments. Staged Revue. Dancing.

Saturday, August 2

9.30 a.m. "The Way out of the Dollar Shortage," by Dr. Sven Rydenfelt, of the University of Lund, Sweden.

10.30 a.m. "The Welfare State," by Stephen Martin, President of the Chiselhurst Liberal Association, England.

1.45 p.m. "When Australia was Colonised—Lessons from Early Land Settlements," by Frank Dupuis, Assistant Hon. Secretary of the International Union, and E. J. Craigie, Ex M.P., South Australia. Presented (in absence of authors) by James Sampson, farmer, Kimba, South Australia.

3.30 p.m. "The Dispossessed are Overpopulated," by W. A. Dowe, B.A., LL.B., Sydney, New South Wales, Director of the Australian School of Social Science.

8.00 p.m. Adoption of Various Resolutions.

9.00 p.m. "Enclaves of Economic Rent." Description of the Progress of Fairhope, Alabama, by Paul Gaston.

Sunday, August 3

9.30 a.m. Excursion to the City of Odense, viewing Hans Christian Andersen's House and the "Funen Village," museum of old buildings.

2.30—4.00 p.m. Public Demonstration presided over by Arnold Poulsen and broadcast over the Danish State Radio. Introductory by J. Rupert Mason. Addresses: "The Significance of Henry George's Ideas in World Politics," by Dr. Viggo Starcke, M.P., and "The Attitude of the Danish Federated Small Holders to Land Value Taxation and Free Trade," by Aage Fogh, Radical Liberal Member of the Danish Parliament.

7.00 p.m. Conference Banquet. Toastmaster: Leon Caminez, New York.

Acting as Interpreter throughout the discussions: Mr. H. Munkholm, assisted by Messrs. Gunnarsen, Jespersen and others. On the panel of sessional Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen were, among others: Knud Tholstrup, Justice Party M.P., A. C. Normann, Radical Liberal Party M.P., Miss Gudrun Bjørner, P. Herbøl, P. C. Pedersen, Erik Harremoes (*Denmark*); Erling Lie and Ole Wang (*Norway*); R. Hentzel (*Sweden*); Justice F. A. W. Lucas, Q.C. (*South Africa*); Judge Max Korshak and S. N. Tideman (*U.S.A.*) and C. H. Batty, Austin H. Peake, V. G. Saldji, Rev. Mervyn Stewart, Miss F. Verinder and Ralph D. Young (*Great Britain*). In the discussion following each paper there was a stream of participants and the number who thus took part is so large that it is as impossible to name all, as it would be invidious to select any.

AN APPRECIATION

The Editor, *LAND & LIBERTY*.

Sir,

The Eighth International Conference for Land Value Taxation and Free Trade was an exceptional experience.

For myself, to have heard the voices of freedom raised and upheld, to have known those friends abroad strong enough to condemn the enormous presumption that Labour needs feather-bedding and protecting, and the degradation of "full employment" policies, and to affirm that the freedom of Labour is all that Labour needs to reveal its true power and dignity is compensation enough for the efforts which have been made, and incentive enough to face the trials which lie ahead.

True remedies must be related to causes. Being agreed that land monopoly and speculation is the basic cause of inequality as civilizations progress, it must follow that nothing short of the removal of that cause is worthy of contemplation. Any reform which belittles or ignores the call for land reform not only evades the basic issue, but is certain of producing worse evils.

The only possible conception of true liberty is that of equal liberty. Unless Labour and Capital are freed from the grip of land monopolization, and until they are freed from the ever increasing burdens of taxation, there can be no hope whatsoever of attaining that higher social state already so long overdue.

Yours sincerely,

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