

## INTERNATIONAL UNION NOTES AND NEWS

### Fourth Esperanto Broadcast

Succeeding the three broadcasts already given from Esperanto-Fako in Rome, the fourth is being given on Wednesday, November 28, mid-European time 18.30 to 18.50; British time 5.30 to 5.50 p.m.; short wave lengths 25.40 m. (11,810 kc/s) and 29.92 m. (9,575 kc/s). The text is provided by Mr. F. R. Jones, of Liverpool, and on this occasion he deals with "Henry George's Reform in Practice." The previous talks in the series dealt with Henry George's life, his social philosophy, his simple reform and its effects. In the talk on November 28 (the text of which we will later publish in English), the legislation is described which has established land value taxation or prepared the way for it in Denmark, New Zealand, Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, Transvaal, Cape Province, Orange Free State, Natal, Rhodesia, Kenya, Canada and Pennsylvania. Postcards have been sent to some hundred of our Esperanto correspondents in a number of countries, to be sure to listen in.

Esperanto-Fako is itself keenly interested in these talks and in the dissemination of George's teachings. It is largely at their instigation that so much has been accomplished; they themselves requested the series following the many commendations they received after the first broadcast. On the occasion of the third talk, finding the submitted material insufficient to fill the allotted twenty minutes, of their own volition they read a number of paragraphs from the Esperanto translation of the Swanwick Conference Declaration of the International Union for Land Value Taxation and Free Trade.

### Victoria Successes

*Progress* (Melbourne) in its August issue gives further information on the three successes establishing or confirming the system of Land Value Rating which we reported in our previous issue. The results of the ratepayers' polls, held on August 25, were:

	Land Value Rating	
	For	Against
Heidelberg City .....	14,211	7,382
Ringwood Borough .....	1,905	1,396
Kew City .....	6,027	5,348

The vote in Kew City was the response to an agitation by opponents who had demanded a poll aimed at abandoning the Land Value Rating system which has been in operation there since 1947. It was adopted then by vote, giving a majority of 206. Now it is confirmed by a majority of 679.

Heidelberg City and Ringwood Borough were adoption polls. The success at Heidelberg is the greatest single victory for Land Value Rating that has taken place in the State of Victoria and is a tribute to the sustained effort of the numerically small but most enthusiastic members of the Heidelberg Ratepayers' Defence League who have fought this campaign steadily since their defeat at the poll four years ago. Then they had lost by 17 votes in 12,235.

In the Greater Melbourne area there are 30 cities and one borough (Ringwood) and of these 31 bodies, 16 now levy their municipal rates on the value of the land alone, exempting buildings and improvements. They cover altogether 104,400 acres of the 160,000 acres of the total metropolitan area. They comprise: Box Hill, Brunswick,

Camberwell, Caulfield, Chelsea, Coburg, Essendon, Heidelberg, Kew, Moorabbin, Mordialloc, Northcote, Oakleigh, Preston, Ringwood and Sandringham. The other 15 Melbourne municipalities, including Melbourne City, continue to levy their rates on the old basis of the annual value of land and buildings taken together.

Outside the metropolitan area, the land-value system obtains in Newton & Chilwell City, Hamilton City, Echuca Borough, Portland Town, and in the Shires of Dandong, Frankston & Hastings, Rosedale and Yea.

### India

In the train of India's newly won political independence comes an awakening to the urgent need to establish economic freedom by levelling tariff barriers and other impediments to trade and by throwing open the land on equal terms to India's land-starved millions.

In Bombay the Libertarian Socialist Institute endorse and have adopted as their own the Declaration of Principle and Policy adopted by the International Union at its seventh international conference held at Swanwick in 1949. The declaration is printed in full, and with the Union's resolution on individual and common rights in land, in the current issue of *The Libertarian*, the Institute's quarterly journal devoted to libertarian philosophy and the social sciences. The principal aims and objects of the Institute are introduced in these words: "We offer no blue prints of future society, no handed-down programme, no ready-made philosophy. We do not ask you to follow us. We ask you to stop depending on others for leadership and to think for yourselves." Members of a society which speaks with the authentic voice of freedom may be expected to subject the philosophy and practical proposals of this Union to a most searching analysis. Such men can be relied upon to advance the work of this Union loyally and tirelessly once they are convinced intellectually of the justice and practicability of our principles and policy.

In Madras, Mr. K. L. Kannappa Mudaliar, an importer and retailer of books dealing with philosophy and the social sciences, has established a branch of the Henry George School of Social Science. Trading under the name "Progress and Poverty," a non-profit-making subsidiary specially formed to spread knowledge of George's teachings, he has inserted advertisements of George's works in a number of national newspapers. Copies have been sent to the press for review and to men prominent in Indian politics and cultural life. Already this has resulted in the sale of all the books sent to India by us, and more have been ordered. Purchasers are asked to correspond with the Henry George School in London or New York, but later it is intended to establish classes and postal tuition courses in India.

### Spain

It is pleasing to receive from correspondents in Spain the evidence of much useful and informing publicity on the economics and social philosophy of Henry George. One of them writes enclosing copies of the daily paper the *Andalucia Mail* with articles by a new writer using the pen-name Martin Bachiller. These articles treat of Society and Social Classes, the Individual and Human Values, the State and Economics, and Capital and Labour, and under each of these titles the principles of economic