

to cure these things by pouring out public money to cover the symptoms, instead of remedying the cause, is likely to bring us into worse disaster?

It is a pity that some older members of the Party were not able to inform the younger members of his audience about Mr. Morrison's efforts on behalf of the principles advocated by that great Labour leader, Philip Snowden, a man of the people, who became Chancellor of the Exchequer and under the banner of Labour fought for labour against land monopoly, trade monopoly and the oppression of taxes on the work of men's hands and brains. He did not tell the working classes their salvation depended on working harder and longer, on paying more taxes, on ceasing to bargain in a free market for higher wages, or on submitting to the regimentation of the Paternal State. He told them that their salvation depended upon removing taxation from work, thrift, foresight, the saving and risking of unprivileged capital, and the exchange of goods. He urged them to support him in breaking land monopoly and collecting for public services the value of land which the monopolists inter-

cepted under Liberal Governments, Conservative Governments—and now intercept under a Labour Government. On the point of success, when an Act was already on the Statute Book, came an economic crisis which, starting in Protectionist America and felt worse in Protectionist-Paternalist Germany, threw the British people into a panic which enabled Snowden's Conservative opponents to save land monopoly and extend trade monopoly. And now some of Snowden's colleagues at that time, in the name of Labour, continue and extend the policy of his Conservative opponents. Snowden saw that the maladjustments of the inter-war years, and before, were due to the intervention of privilege, checking the natural harmony of economic law. Accepting the teaching of Henry George, he saw that labour could obtain its highest reward only in a community united in a partnership of justice to all and privilege to none. By regimenting the people his successors have only imposed more privileges upon those already existing, and chaos is steadily extending its influence throughout the world. Wittingly or unwittingly, Labour has betrayed Labour.

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## THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AND AFTER

As a supplement to this issue we publish the French and Spanish translations of the International Conference Declaration and Resolution, for which we are indebted to Mr. A. V. Beuret and Mr. L. Ceballos respectively, colleagues both resident in London. Copies, separately printed, will be made available for any of our readers who can undertake their circulation or their publication in the Press in the countries affected, as in France, Belgium, Switzerland, Canada, Spain, Cuba, Mexico and South America. Translations into Spanish have been made also by Mr. Baldomero Argente, Madrid, and Mr. Santiago Serra, Barcelona, which were thankfully consulted by Mr. Ceballos. Other translations: To Mr. Ole Wang, in Norway, we are indebted for the Norwegian translation; to Mr. Pavlos Giannelias, in Lyon, for the Greek translation; to Mr. Robert Major, in Rome, for the Hungarian translation, and to Mr. Rupert Mason for the Chinese translation, which has been made by his friend, Mr. Hou C. Chang in San Francisco for printing in Chinese papers on the West Coast. The Danish translation will appear in *Grundskyld*, organ of the Henry George Union, and the Dutch in *Ons Erfdeel*, organ of the Justice and Freedom Union. The texts of these other translations and of the German and Italian (the latter two being prepared) can be obtained on request; but considering all the expense of printing and the necessary assurance that effective use will be made of the prints, what the International Union can do by way of undertaking publication needs careful thought. Correspondents have been approached for translations into Portuguese, for circulation in Brazil, and into Swedish, Hebrew and Esperanto. It is obvious that if the Union is to do the work so enthusiastically demanded of it by the Swanwick Conference, considerable financial aid is required, and in this we stress the special appeal that has gone to all members at the instance of the Treasurer, Mr. Ashley Mitchell, who wishes to acknowledge the ready response he has received so far.

We wish to compliment several of our contemporaries on the excellent reports they have published on the proceedings at the International Conference. Readers of the *Henry George News*, New York, had the benefit of the impressions taken home to America by the President, Mr. Rupert Mason, by Miss V. G. Peterson and

Mr. Robert Clancy. In Denmark, *Grundskyld* had Mr. Nils Ebbesen, and *Ret og Frihed* had Mr. Arge Krapper as their reporters and the account was well told. The same issue of *Grundskyld* reports the flying visit which Dr. O'Regan of New Zealand paid to Copenhagen on a journey from Sweden to England, not long before he left for home. A meeting was hurriedly arranged by the Henry George Union and was held in Parliament House, with a remarkably good attendance, considering the short notice. Dr. O'Regan gave an informing address on the progress of land-value rating in New Zealand, and there was much helpful publicity in the Copenhagen dailies.

Readers of LAND & LIBERTY are urged to help in circulating the Declaration of Principle and Policy and the Resolution on Individual and Common Rights in Land, the Message of our International Conference to people in all countries. The Declaration and the Resolution form one pamphlet of which, meeting the demand thus far, already 11,000 copies have been printed. Quantities will be provided free if effective distribution is guaranteed. Let us also assist YOU in this work by your sending name and address of the persons or associations to whom you would have the document sent, we mailing them on your behalf. In this respect the President of the Union, Mr. Rupert Mason, by the quantities he has handled and the many prominent names he has supplied, has set a notable example and he is entitled to be emulated. It has been well said that the work of the Conference did not finish with its closing session. It had only begun.

For distribution within special circles, the Resolution on Individual and Common Rights in Land has been issued as a separate print in pleasing style and carrying the signatures of the President and the Secretary of the Conference. Dr. O'Regan, the mover of the Resolution, had in mind its particular appeal directed to quarters where Henry George's attitude to property in land has been misapprehended. It is well, therefore, to have this document by itself that it may fulfil its distinct purpose.

The Conference Declaration of Principle and Policy, in translation by M. Daudé-Bancel, together with his report on Swanwick, is appearing in the *Revue Socialiste*, of

Paris. M. Daudé-Bancel's colleague, M. Gracques, has translated the excellent brochure, *Earned Income Public and Private*, by Joseph S. Thompson, which is published by the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation. The translation has appeared in the *Journée Vinicole*, of Montpellier, and will be reprinted in pamphlet form. In his published articles on the Land-Values and Free Trade question, M. Daudé-Bancel shows a marvellous activity. How industrious he has been, and successfully, since his return from Swanwick, is shown in the fourteen distinctive articles spread over recent issues of the *Journée du Bâtiment*, the *Journée Vinicole*, the *Agence Quotidienne*, and *La Republic*. Considering the combined circulation of these newspapers, a large public is being reached in this way. M. Daudé-Bancel's chief concern, however, is the future of the Journal of the French League, *Terre et Liberté*, which is in need of immediate financial assistance if it is to continue, and we take this opportunity of saying that headquarters of the International Union will be pleased to hear from any members who can contribute toward a special fund for the purpose.

Pavlos Giannelias who, on the Executive Committee of the International Union represents Greece and Austria, on his return from the Swanwick Conference gave a long interview to the Buenos Aires paper, *Patris*, published in the Greek language for the Greek community in the Argentine. This was transmitted by the representative of that paper, Mr. Konstantine Beys, in Lyon, France. Mr. Giannelias made an informing statement on the principles of land value taxation and free trade and their practical application, in which he pointed particularly to the example of Denmark as a guide to what Greece could and should emulate. So also he spoke of the land-value rating system in operation in New Zealand, Australia and South Africa, and the instructive lesson to be learnt from the Irrigation Districts in California. The statement is so comprehensive that it could well make a pamphlet by itself, combining in it the equally long interview which was given to *Patris* before Mr. Giannelias set out on his journey to Swanwick. Aply introduced into these talks, for the benefit of both Greek and Argentine readers, are the references to the laws of Solon by which it was ordained that land should be assessed not on what men produced from it, but on its *potential productivity*, so that Solon was truly a precursor of Henry George; and to the land and taxation system which the great reformer, Rivadavia, would have established in South America. It is good to know that this material will have an influence much farther afield, as *Patris* is sent to the Greek Embassies all over the world. Mr. Giannelias contributes also to the Athens paper, *Oikonomika Nea* (Economic Time), and has the goodwill of Dr. Emmanuel Tsouderos, the former Finance Minister and Governor of the Bank of Greece who was the Minister in London for the Greek exile Government. Dr. Tsouderos himself writes in *Economic Time* in favour of Land Value Taxation substituted for taxes and tolls on improvements and trade.

It will be seen that Mr. Giannelias has an inviting opportunity to give publicity to both Greek and Spanish translations of the Conference Resolutions.

In Switzerland, too, he has his contacts by his articles in the Swiss *Co-operator*, and his association with Dr. Melzer, the Burgomaster of Innsbruck, who has written applauding the report Mr. Giannelias sent him of the Swanwick Conference. Obviously the next step is the effectual circulation of the French and German translations of the Resolutions, perhaps also the Italian, in Switzerland.

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