

# THE COMING INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

London, September, 1936

Convened by the International Union, the Fifth International Conference to Promote Land Value Taxation and Free Trade will be held in London on 2nd to 5th September.

The Conference meets at a time when the minds of all the peoples are affrighted by the spectre of war and when there was never a greater call upon those who insist that escape from this dread terror may only be assured, and the path to peace and prosperity can only be found, if Governments pursue the policies of the Freedom of Production and the Freedom of Trade. Nothing is clearer than that the twin curses of the human family are poverty and war; and poverty, which is the result of economic dislocations that are unnatural and unnecessary, is the cause of war. Everywhere the seeds are being sown of political policies pregnant with the hates, fears and follies that must sooner or later result in war if nothing is done by the nations to stay the hand of the sowers.

The first business of the Conference, and that will be its dominating note, is to make manifest the *causes* of the world's economic distress and demonstrate that its cure is nothing less than the freedom that Henry George preached. To this end the Union will invite, to the sessions on "The Economic Causes of War and Industrial Depression," delegations from societies and organizations over a large field both in Great Britain and other countries existing to promote peace and social reform. It will be the opportunity to approach many circles who should have the principles and the policy of the Conference put before them, as they will be,

in the communications accompanying the letter of invitation.

Special sessions will also be held on the practical application of land value taxation to which municipalities and associations of local authorities will be invited to send delegates.

On the 2nd September the Henry George Commemoration takes place. Other important features of the programme, now in preparation, will be the sessions on the status and development of the movement in different countries, and on the educational work that is being done and should be done to promote it; papers submitted for discussion on relevant subjects; and the general meeting of members of the International Union.

We urge upon all readers of this Journal their interest and co-operation to ensure success. Particularly requested is early registration and the notice of intention to be present. In this the Arrangements Committee will be greatly assisted. But present or not able to be present, every supporter of the objects of the Conference is besought for his or her personal attachment as an enrolled member. The Conference membership fee will be Ten Shillings and the intending member is free to enrol now, sending remittance later if more convenient.

*Your interest is also sought in the matter of the expenses the Conference will involve, for which the Union will be responsible, and any donation you may be able to give towards the funds of the Union will be greatly appreciated.*

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