

without bath, as the case may be. Provisional arrangements have been made for such reservation, under proviso that it be booked well in advance—the word that comes from every hotel management in view of the holiday season.

With regard to travel it is requested that each traveller will make his or her own arrangements (advisedly as early as possible). A special party travelling from

England is being formed for those wishing to spend a fortnight in Denmark. The booking is for the outward journey on July 27, and return from Denmark on August 11. As the accommodation is limited, applications to join this party, for the journey both ways, should be sent without delay saying whether first or third class is desired. Return fares (London-Odense) are first-class throughout £25; first on ship and third on rail £23 10s.; third-class throughout £16 10s.

## INTERNATIONAL UNION NOTES AND NEWS

### India

Mr. R. L. McKibbin, of Johannesburg, writes: "I enclose 10s. 6d. postal orders for which please send LAND & LIBERTY regularly to Mr. Manilal M. Gandhi, Editor, *Indian Opinion*, Phoenix, Natal, South Africa.

"Mr. Manilal Gandhi is the eldest surviving son of the late Mahatma Gandhi and is a friend of mine. I have got him interested in Georgeism and am sure that LAND & LIBERTY will provide much material that can be useful and used in *Indian Opinion*. As this latter is also widely read in India, much good may follow.

"I am also somewhat overjoyed by the fact that I have greatly interested a certain Mr. S. B. Melid, who was one of Mahatma Gandhi's earliest followers and who has great influence in India. Mr. Melid is retiring to India shortly and he has 'seen the cat' and is most enthusiastic about the Land Question. He knows Jawaharlal Nehru intimately and his own son-in-law is editor of a leading newspaper in Bombay, so publicity is assured.

"Mr. Melid wishes to devote the remainder of his days to the task of bringing the importance, the basic importance, of the Land Question to the attention of the people of India. As soon as I have his Indian address I shall be pleased indeed to pass it on to you. Incidentally, Mr. Melid proposes to translate into Gujarati as much Georgeist literature as possible.

"If India will only be persuaded to accept and apply the principles expounded by Henry George, humanity will take an immense step forward. One-fifth of the human race will be on the road to salvation. Then how long will the rest lag behind or wander in the present economic wilderness?"

### Brazil

A new and welcome publication is the book *O Imposto Unico Territorial* on Land Value Taxation: what it is and why it is urged. The book is the work of Octavianus Alves de Lima and is issued by the Imprensa na Tipografia Paulina, Campinas, Sao Paulo. These publishers at the same time advertise the principal works of Henry George, all translated into the Portuguese language.

Alves de Lima's book comprises 82 pages. The chapters include an Introduction by the Author with commendation of LAND & LIBERTY and giving the latest news about the progress in Pennsylvania; "George and his Doctrine" by the eminent juris-consult Professor Noé Azevedo; "A summary of George's Life and Work" by Americo Werneck, Junior; the statement on the "Single Tax" by Henry George himself; "Method of Applying Land Value Taxation," by the Author; "The Provisions of the Bill submitted to the Sao Paulo Legislature" by the Deputy, Rubens do Amaral. There follow chapters on the Principles of Political Economy, the freedom of production and trade, the incidence of existing taxation, etc., by the author, also his answers

to typical questions or objections. Finally, there are 40 pages quoting no fewer than 33 writers, statesmen, economists, professors, etc., in South America and 54 in other parts of the world, who have testified to the wisdom and justice of the principles which this book expounds. For the copy we have received we are indebted to Alberto Alves de Lima (resident in the Argentine) the brother of Octavianus, the author. It is a book that should enjoy widespread circulation.

### Japan

Mr. Rupert Mason, President of the International Union, writes: "Mr. Noritake Tsuda, 18 Hanazono-cho, Chiba City, Japan, is one of Japan's best known and most highly respected writers on art. I learned he is starting on a new book discussing Japan as it will or could be. A letter, dated November 17, says: 'I am very much moved by the philosophy of Henry George. I have his picture on the wall of my study, since I found it in your gift parcel and he is always with me. I am grateful to you for introducing him to me. It is my sincere wish that democratized Japan may contribute to the furtherance of the philosophy of Henry George . . . .' His books about art in Japan are many, and this has given him fame and reputation. He sent me the 'tentative synopsis' of his forthcoming book, and may let me see the Mss. of the chapter dealing with political economy when written. I sent him the wallet of the papers presented at our Seventh International Conference, 1949, and other material. Perhaps you know other Japanese who have expressed support for Henry George. If so, I'll be grateful for any such information. He should get LAND & LIBERTY by all means for 1952."

### France

The January-March, 1952, quarterly issue of *Terre et Liberté* (3B, Rue Pasteur, Mesnil-Esnard, Seine-Inf.: annual subscription 80 francs) is replete with valuable instruction and information and it is pleasing to see the deserved increased support the journal is receiving. Max Toubeau reports on certain official statistics lately published concerning the aggregate value of land in France and wisely criticises them. Jean Constant writes on the "French people before the Inflation" and how they have since been fleeced. In another article, Max Toubeau puts and discusses the pertinent question: "Is Tax Exemption really in the interests of the peasants?" and this is well backed up by publication of the text of the famous "Køge" resolution adopted in 1902 by the Danish small holders. Other writers are the editor himself, (Daudé-Bancel), L. Larcher, M. Gracques and P. Giannelias. Citations, reviews, and progress reports from several countries help to make this an impressive number. At Vesoul, M. Simonet addressed a conference of the local Rotary Club. M. Larcher had a timely article in the *Building Journal* appealing to the National Congress of French Mayors to give consideration to the rating of

land values. Any of our readers who happen to be in Paris on January 27 should make a point of attending the Annual Meeting of the French League for Land Value Taxation and Free Trade which will be held that day at 2 p.m. at 12 Rue Jacob (1st floor), Paris VI.

The daily, *Liberté de l'Est*, of Nancy, in its issue of September 27 last, gave prominent space to the meeting of the Rotary Club of Haute-Saône addressed by J. A. Simonet, a leading Mulhouse engineer, on the subject of land value taxation. After tracing the development of the conception from the Physiocrats to Henry George and its practical application in Denmark and other countries, M. Simonet emphasised its effect of exempting producers from other forms of taxation, so that exchange can become entirely free. The report praises M. Simonet's exposition of his subject and the able and conclusive answers he afterwards gave to questions asked by members of the distinguished audience. The article concludes with the hope that a future issue will be able to give more details of "this important question."

### Spain

An outstanding contribution in the way of material for the understanding (and the teaching) of fundamental economics has been supplied in long articles by "Louis Foyer" in the Madrid periodical *Nuèva Economía Nacional* and in the Catholic *Obra Mercedaria* of Barcelona. We are indebted to Mr. Jose Anglada for a full translation into English. The material makes an excellent short guide for tutors and students of classes, as well as a handbook for the general reader desiring a statement of elementary principles. The already initiated would recognise in it a well-done summary of the philosophy and proposals that are expounded in *Progress and Poverty*. Using the material Mr. Anglada has himself worked out a course of study by means of the "questions and answers" method, and this is giving opportunity for instruction to others. He also had the happy experience of discovering four new friends who together are studying the book *Progress and Poverty* and who are using the "lesson sheets" obtained from the H. G. School in New York, translated into Spanish. The *Nuèva Economía Nacional* is to be complimented on the continuing publicity it gives to the Georgeist way of thinking, latest example of which is the article on "A Better World" and the road to it by Francisco Alveraz Urbano. No doubt the seed is being sown and the harvest will come.

### South Africa

The Johannesburg *Star*, November 21, has this as a leading article:—

The decision of Mr. Justice Lucas on his retirement from the Bench to re-enter active politics as a member of the United Party is an event of some significance. Although long associated with the Labour Party in the past, Mr. Lucas has been characteristically an independent in politics, a preference that his term of detachment as a judge might have been expected to strengthen. That he has nevertheless decided to give his support to the United Party, and his reasons for doing so, are signs of the times . . . .

He has been driven to the conclusion that the policy of the (Malan) Nationalist Government will inevitably be disastrous for White civilization and will "soon make the position of Whites in Africa untenable."

It is that feeling of impending disaster that is mobilizing public opinion so powerfully against the Government. A former Chief Justice, Mr. de Wet,

recently gave his support to the Torch Commando from the same conviction that the firm task of all who have the interests of South Africa at heart is to oust the Government before irreparable damage has been done . . .

It is a fact which the Prime Minister himself admits that relations between White and White and between White and Non-White have deteriorated sharply. Mr. Lucas sees South Africa rapidly approaching a stage where the White people, divided among themselves, are likely to be surrounded by 10-million enemies of themselves and their civilization.

Can that verdict be contested? It signifies the failure of a policy, however well-meant, and the gravest threat to its future South Africa has ever faced.

### New Zealand

To the 61 counties, 10 cities, 88 boroughs and 14 towns which in New Zealand levy their local rates on land value, exempting buildings and other improvements, there is now added the Borough of Eltham. This is the result of a poll of ratepayers that took place on November 24. Thus altogether 174 out of the 297 local authorities in New Zealand have the land value rating system in operation.

The *Taranaki Daily News* of November 19 had a long report of one of the public meetings that preceded the poll in Eltham. The proposal to make the change in rating was commended by Mr. N. H. Moss, Mayor of Stratford and President of the New Zealand Municipal Association. A lot of Eltham's troubles, he said, were due to the fact that there had been no valuation since 1941 and a new valuation would cure some of them. The new system of levying on land values only would have the tendency to make property available for building and it would encourage building because people would know they were not going to be rated on the value of land and buildings taken together.

### Cuba

Our Cuban correspondent and a Vice-President of the International Union for Land Value Taxation and Free Trade, Mr. Rogelio Casas Cadilla, has caused reprints to be made of a series of articles he has had in the important publication *Ojeeme*, the official bulletin of the Association of Merchants in Colon. They are statements on Land Value Taxation and Free Trade and on the Henry George philosophy in application to varied topics, such as: "Miopic Egotism," "Rome and Carthage," "Socialism and Nationalism," "Liberty, the Divine Treasure," "The Refugees," "Humanity converted into a Mob."

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