

HENRY GEORGE INSTITUTE

The annual dinner and meeting of the Henry George Institute was held at the City University Graduate Center in New York on June 9. Robert Clancy, President, announced the results of this year's election by the HGI membership. Three Directors were re-elected to the Board: Neva Bianco, G. Lois Jessop and Stanley Rubenstein; and a new Director was elected, Mark A. Sullivan, replacing William A. Camargo who was not available for re-election. Appreciation was expressed for the many years of service of Mr. Camargo, one of the founding Directors of the HGI. Mr. Sullivan was welcomed to the Board.

For the 1983 Nominations Committee, two Board members were elected: Robert Clancy and Steven Cord; and three non-Board members: Roma Bianco, Richard L. Biddle and C. Matthew Ossias.

Also mentioned were the regretted deaths of ten HGI members within the past year. Those whose passing has already been noted in the Georgist Journal include Henry George Atkinson, Andrew P. Christianson, Tirzah Hollins, Aaron A. Rutberg and John T. Tetley. Since then, deaths include: C. A. Gaston (about whom a notice appears on page 10), Alexander Homics and Roy E. Holland of Florida, the latter being the author of a Georgist novel, The Seventh City of Cibola; Emanuel Mandel, frequent attendee at HGI meetings and author of an article in the Spring GJ; and Vic Wasicki, long-time Georgist activist of St. Louis, who also had an article in the Spring GJ. To help replace the ranks thinned by our fallen comrades, some new members have joined and we hope for additional members.

Special guest at the dinner was Hon. Jerome S. Medowar, recently appointed Judge of the District Court of Nassau County, New York. Judge Medowar recounted his experiences serving as Judge. He said it was a great experience and that he appreciated being able to explore all aspects of cases that come to him. He also noted that legal studies, even from years ago, are somehow stored in the mind and can be brought out when needed. Judge Medowar concluded with a recitation of the popular Georgist poem, "Uncivilized" by Edmund Vance Cooke, concerning monkeys who reject man's notion of land ownership.

Judge Medowar, civic leader and prominent Merokian (as residents of Merrick, L.I. are called) was extolled in Merrick Life. He is on the Boards of the HGI and of the Henry George School, and several members of both Boards were at the dinner. Lancaster M. Greene, who was in London at the time, sent a message of greeting. Philip Finkelstein, Director, noted that 1982 marks the 50th anniversary of the Henry George School and that appropriate observances will be held.

Correspondence Course

One recent graduate of the HGI correspondence course based on Progress and Poverty is Mary Davis, already a Georgist and President of the Georgia League for Land Value Taxation. Her comments on the course, as follows, are appreciated:

"I have tried to think of ways in which you might improve the course but without results. You have done three important things:

1. Made students read Progress and Poverty. (I have read it many times. I keep a copy by my bed.)
2. To answer the questions it is necessary to read carefully, to examine and pull together certain statements and ideas and relate them to present conditions.
3. Then you add the supplements which emphasize and clarify what we have learned (or might have missed) and give new and up-to-date information, and new approaches and insights."