

## Henry George Institute

The Institute's Annual Dinner was held at the City University Graduate Center, New York, on September 30, chaired by Robert Glancy. Speakers included John De Santis, Jack Schwartzman and George Collins. Fifty-eight persons attended, including several from the "Fragments group."

John DeSantis was introduced by Bonnie Rachael Hurwitz, who told of being influenced by the book Alternative Americas by Mildred Loomis, which advocated a spirit of "community." Mr. DeSantis announced himself as a "perpetual candidate for mayor of New York" and as a proponent of a "people's forum network." He is selling and distributing free literature on the streets of New York, including the works of Henry George, plus a large book of his own describing his goals and ideals. He distributed shortened copies of this work at the dinner.

Jack Schwartzman gave a talk on "Henry George and George Bernard Shaw." He claimed that it is a mistake to consider Shaw as a George sympathizer. George did awaken him to social problems, but he then turned to socialism, even to communism and dictatorship, and became more and more opposed to George and Single Tax. This was a shortened version of a talk Dr. Schwartzman gave at York University, England, and will appear in the next issue of the Georgist Journal.

George Collins updated New Yorkers on the big news in Philadelphia (see Conference report). As a matter of fact there were more than New Yorkers present, Maryland, Connecticut and Massachusetts being represented as well as Pennsylvania.

Jacob Himmelstein followed Mr. Collins in a plea for contributions to the campaign to get LVT adopted in Philadelphia, the 5th largest city in the U.S. - an opportunity which may not come again for decades. Checks should be made to Henry George Foundation, Philadelphia Project, and sent to the Henry George Foundation, 2000 Century Plaza, Columbia, Maryland 21044.

### Educational Work

The Institute's educational work, pursued largely through correspondence courses in the Georgist philosophy, is producing results. One young graduate, Hanno T. Beck, is now on the staff of the Henry George Foundation, and he will be working on the Philadelphia campaign.

Another graduate is Gilbert Halverson of Wisconsin who attended the Atlanta Conference. A classmate of his at the University of Wisconsin was John Norquist, whom "Gib" converted to LVT. Norquist is now Mayor of Milwaukee. Several other HGI students are continuing active interest and are making contact with various organizations in the movement or are acting independently. One graduate is Robert P. Willis who formed the Economic Justice Advocates in Iowa.

Most recent graduate of all three courses is Richard Blansky, a medical student, who in his final essay connected medicine with George: "As a student of medicine in the New York area, one cannot help but notice the effects of poverty on the health of the city's inhabitants... The confusion arising from a general ignorance of the principles of political economy has led not only to the impoverished condition of the people of the inner city but to the abuses of the natural rights of all citizens."

A "correspondence course" may not seem exciting - but it is a rigorous step-by-step analysis of Georist economics and philosophy - and this may be the best way to "get it." The excitement comes after the study.