

Henry George School

After several months of renovation, the new building of the New York Henry George School at 121 East 30th Street was finally completed. Not just one but two open house receptions were given.

On December 7, the auditorium was filled despite its being the day of Gorbachev's visit to New York (to say nothing of its being the actual anniversary of Pearl Harbor). Speakers were Fryda Ossias, School Trustee; Carol Greitzer, City Councilwoman; and Agnes de Mille, "first lady of the dance" and granddaughter of Henry George. She chided today's economists for not knowing about Henry George.

The following day, December 8, another reception also filled the auditorium - about 50 each day - and speakers were Edward J. Dodson, President of the Board of Trustees; George L. Collins, Trustee and Director of the Philadelphia Henry George School; and Steven Cord, also a Trustee as well as President of the Henry George Foundation of America. Dr. Cord reported that Clairton has become the 9th city in Pennsylvania to adopt the two-rate property tax, the rate now being 10% on land and 2.1% on improvements, replacing 4% on both.

Director Stan Rubenstein presided over both receptions and refreshments were served. Besides being School headquarters, 121 E. 30th St. is also headquarters for the Henry George Institute, the Council of Geogist Organizations and the Henry George Research Library.

George Collins is having a busy year in 1989. The International Conference is to be held in Philadelphia. The Henry George Birthplace is being restored to its original appearance. The campaign for land value taxation in Philadelphia is being renewed. Contributions to help the campaign will help. Make checks payable to the Henry George Foundation, mark the checks for the Philadelphia Project, and send to the Foundation at 2000 Century Plaza, Columbia, Maryland 21044.