

# *The Henry George News*

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## Labor Day Meeting to Inaugurate New Headquarters

Politics, economics, the environment, and the future will be featured at the 1980 Joint Georgist Conference being held at the new headquarters of the Henry George School, located at 5 E. 44th Street in midtown, over the Labor Day weekend.

Representatives of the candidates in the Presidential election will address the conference and local legislators from the New York and New Jersey metropolitan area have been invited for luncheon.

Two separate panels will be devoted to the issues of tax reform. The one on Pennsylvania will concentrate on results of the current experience in a number of cities with higher land tax rates and prospects for extension of that principle throughout the state. The New York session will focus on the crisis in assessments in both the city and state and efforts to move towards a greater reliance on land value taxation within the framework of the property tax.

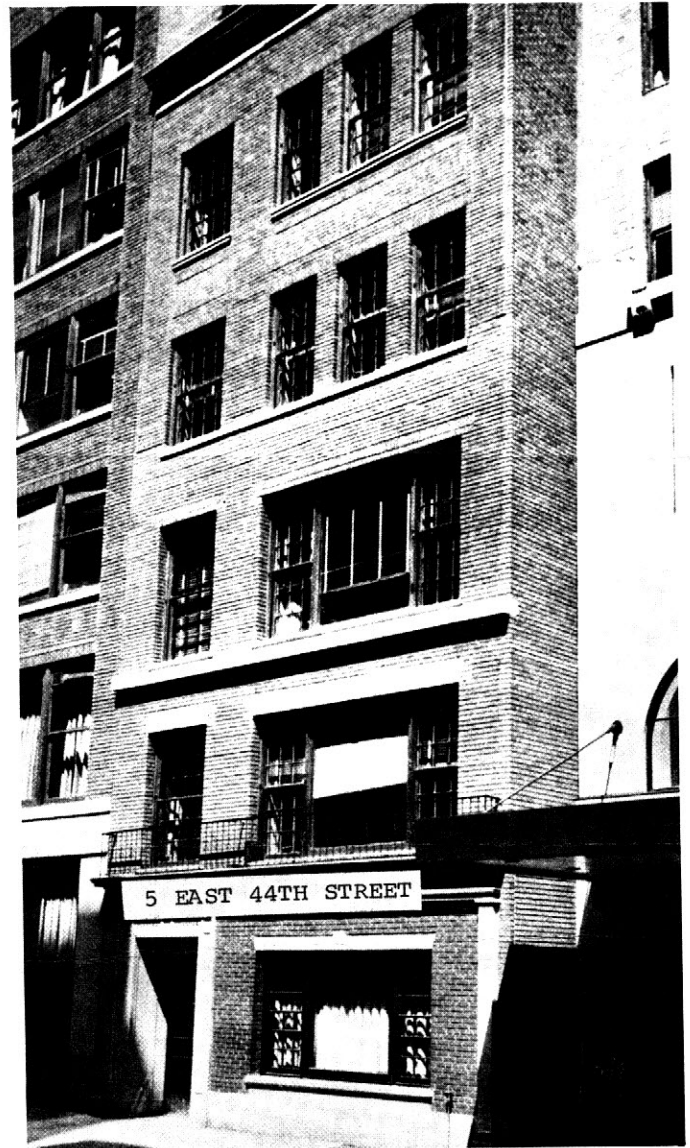
A forum on teaching fundamental economics will feature a new set of materials prepared for the Henry George schools this past year. Workshops will highlight a number of different approaches to courses given in different parts of the country.

A panel of scholars, chaired by Professor Robert Andelson, author of the recently published *Critics of Henry George* will discuss Neo-Georgism: History Updated. Other highlights at the conference include reports on application of the Henry George philosophy in the developing world, chaired by Dr. Arch Woodruff; a discussion of current issues in Money and Energy with members of the New York school and an exploration of the Georgist approach to ecology and economy.

Social events planned include a wine and cheese reception at the building, an evening boat ride around Manhattan, and the annual banquet at the Biltmore Hotel in the Music Room.

During the weekend, organizational meetings will be scheduled for sponsoring organizations including Henry George School, Henry George Institute, Henry George Foundation and a special meeting of the Council of Georgist Organizations.

Following the conference summary on Monday morning, Labor Day, conferees will conduct their own parade up Fifth Avenue to the Henry George tree in Central Park. A full conference program appears inside this issue.



The new six-story headquarters building in midtown Manhattan features a main floor auditorium, where the conference will be held, as well as reception area and a book store. There are additional classrooms on the second floor, reached by two separate staircases. A student lounge is in the basement.

## **ANNUAL JOINT GEORGIST CONFERENCE 1980 PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 28**

Registration/Reception will be held for incoming conferees at headquarters, from 5-8 p.m.

### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 29**

9:15 Opening remarks will be presented by Paul S. Nix, Jr., President, HGS, NY

Tax Reform will be the topic for the morning's two panels.

9:30 **New York:**

Philip Finkelstein, chairman

Larry Spancake, Center for Local Tax Research

George Kerchner, Center for Local Tax Research

Don Clifford, New York State Board of Equalization and Assessment

11:00 **Pennsylvania**

Steven Cord, chairman

Jack Kelly, Scranton

Richard Biddle, Philadelphia

Dan Sullivan, Pittsburgh

12:30 Lunch with Candidates and representatives of Democratic, Republican, Independent, Citizen's and Libertarian parties.

2:00 **The Developing World**

Dr. Arch Woodruff, chairman

Dr. Harry Fornari

Robert Scrofani, Director, HGS, San Francisco

Lucy de Silfa, Director, HGS, Dominican Republic

5:00 Circle Line 3-hour cruise around Manhattan (food & beverage available on board)

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 30**

9:00 Teaching Fundamental Economics with Dr. Albert Alexander of the N.Y.C. Council on Economic Education serving as moderator, and with workshops featuring:

Harry Pollard, Director, HGS, Los Angeles

Fryda L. Ossias, Trustee, HGS, New York

Michael Curtis, Arden, Delaware

Stan Rubenstein, HGS Extension, Long Island, New York

12:00 Lunch with Legislators from N.Y. & N.J. metropolitan area, with Floyd Morrow of San Diego as moderator

1:00 **Money and Energy**

Oscar Johannsen, chairman

Stanley Sinclair, Trustee, HGS, NY

Lancaster Greene, Trustee, HGS, NY

Paul Nix, President, HGS, NY

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, cont.**

- 2:00 **The Georgist Community**  
Leonardo Lassiter, chairman, featuring representatives from:  
Arden, Delaware  
Fairhope, Alabama  
Free Acres, New Jersey
- 3:00 **Ecology and Economy**  
1. Earth Charter: John McConnell, Founder of Earth Day  
2. Decentralization: Mildred Loomis, School of Living, York, PA  
3. Environmentalism and Georgism: Seymour Rauch, Buffalo, NY
- 4:30 Organization meetings will run throughout the evening at headquarters

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 31**

- 10:00 **Neo-Georgism: History Updated**  
Dr. Robert Andelson, chairman  
Prof. Charles Collier, Hamilton College, Clinton, NY  
Dr. Jack Schwartzman  
Dr. Bernard Bellush
- 12:00 Council of Georgist Organizations, with rest of afternoon free
- 7:00 Annual Banquet, Biltmore Hotel, 43rd St. & Madison Avenue  
George Collins, Director, HGS, Philadelphia, M.C.  
Keynote speaker: Commissioner James H. Tully, New York State  
Taxation and Finance

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

- 9:30 Summary-Robert Clancy, Director, HGI, New York  
Walk up Fifth Avenue ending at Henry George Tree in Central Park  
Adjournment
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**List of Sponsoring Organizations:**

Henry George School of Social Science:  
Philadelphia Birthplace  
Long Island Extension  
Los Angeles School  
San Francisco School  
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic School

School of Economic Science:  
Toronto, Ontario Canada  
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Henry George Foundation

Henry George Institute

Land, Equality and Freedom (LEAF)

Robert Schalkenbach Foundation

**Conference Committee:**

Philip Finkelstein, Director, Henry George School, New York

Oscar Johannsen, Director, Robert Schalkenbach Foundation, New York

Robert Clancy, Director, Henry George Institute, New York

**CONFERENCE INFORMATION**

The conference fee includes all events, such as the boat ride and the annual banquet.

All programs will be held at 5 East 44th Street, unless otherwise indicated. The building is two blocks from Grand Central Station and the Lexington Avenue IRT subway, and accessible by bus from Port Authority and Penn Station. The #4 bus will come uptown on Madison Avenue and go downtown on Fifth Avenue, and crosstown buses are available on 42nd Street in either direction, with connections available.

Hotel accommodations are not included in conference fees and must be arranged separately. There are a number of modest, small hotels and larger, higher priced hotels within walking distance of the building, and a list is available.

Breakfast will be provided at the building each morning, and sandwiches and beverages will be available for lunch each day. There is a large variety of restaurants, coffee shops, fast food stores, delicatessens and stands all within a ten block radius.

The banquet will be held in one of the ballrooms of the Biltmore Hotel, located at 43rd and Madison Avenue, with a reception preceeding dinner.

A list of cultural events, museums, stores, and historical sights will be made available to conferees during registration.

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