

Henry George Institute

The 1986 Annual Dinner of the Henry George Institute will be held Friday, November 14 at the City University of New York Graduate Center. Two Henry George centenaries will be observed: the publication of Protection or Free Trade, and the New York mayoral campaign of 1886. Prof. C. Lowell Harriss will speak on the book, and Prof. Neil Chamberlain, who is doing a special study of the '86 campaign, will address that topic. Both are from Columbia University.

HGI members in New York and environs will receive notices of the dinner. All members are welcome, of course, and if more distant members can attend, the HGI would like to hear from them.

A third course is now being offered by the HGI: Economic Science based on George's The Science of Political Economy. Together with the other two courses - Fundamental Economics (Progress and Poverty) and Applied Economics (Protection or Free Trade and Social Problems) - they form a three-part study in Principles of Political Economy for which a special graduation certificate has been prepared. The courses are offered by correspondence but are also adaptable to classroom use.

Besides North America, many students in diverse parts of the world have enrolled for the HGI correspondence course (obtained mainly through The Economist). Several have already completed the basic course and their comments indicate that there is a world out there ripe for the Georgist message. Here are some of them:

"It would be a great thing if Henry George's ideas and programs were carried out by the governments of the world. It includes the best that there is in capitalism and social democracy. In a society as proposed by Henry George there would be no communism or fascism." - Horacio A. Esquivel (Panama City, Panama)

"I am especially interested in this course by reason of my doctorate thesis which reviews the theories of value and distribution since Adam Smith and tries to produce a new theory to solve the problem of value and distribution. Now after I have learned Henry George's theory I shall be able to find a new synthesis using his remedy... If George's remedy were applied to today's Turkey, we would have association in equality and progress." - Halil Aksu (Istanbul, Turkey)

"I am really interested in this course because I now have new information about Henry George and his principles. These are new ideas for most people and they should know more about it." - Yasser Damrh (West Bank, Israel)

"Progress in society will be achieved when the economic rent is used justly for the community. If unjust and unequal distribution can be ended there is bound to be progress for all." - Byoruganda G. Makarios (Kampala, Uganda)

"This excellent course gives a good understanding of fundamental economics... The last lesson gives readers a good impression of the evolution of human progress and suggests that human civilization can be preserved in a society which is liberal in equality and justice." - Brojendra N. Howlader (Bangkok, Thailand)

Mr. Howlader also completed the second course (Applied Economics), and in reply to the final question, asking for ideas on promoting the Georgist philosophy, offered the following:

- "-To diffuse George's philosophy through collaborative efforts with the leading universities of other countries.
- To organize seminars on the theme of George's theory.
- To encourage any one who wants to know George's teaching.
- To finance, if possible, the higher study at the Master's or Doctoral level by any one who will attempt to apply George's theory into practice."