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FROM PAUL NIX:

It was eight years ago when I was first elected President of The Henry George School. During this time, a number of advances have been made. I believe I have contributed, in an indirect way, toward some of those advances.

But much more needs to be done, and I've decided that it's time for me to step aside and let someone else have a try. At the annual organization meeting of the School's Board of Trustees, the Board honored my request not to be re-nominated.

To have served as President of The Henry George School has been the most gratifying experience of my life. There were hard decisions to make, and I often sought the counsel of other Georgists, here and elsewhere. I'm indebted to the many who shared with me their wisdom and insights, and I'm grateful for the forbearance of those whose advice I rejected and of those whose wishes I opposed. I'm especially grateful to the members of our Board for their unwavering support.

Ed Dodson has been elected as the new President of The Henry George School. I believe Ed has the qualities needed to enable the School to take advantage of the opportunities that are now before us. I will continue as a Member and Trustee of the School, and I expect to support Ed in every way I can. I urge my fellow Trustees and the leaders of other Georgist organizations to do the same.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

Two Georgist conferences will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, in May of this year. The first, The International Union for Land-Value Taxation & Free Trade, will meet May 18-24 at the University of British Columbia and will feature prominent speakers. The cost will be approximately \$26 per day. If interested in attending, please contact Mary Rawson as soon as possible at Conference Arrangements Committee, 1406 Woodland Dr., Vancouver, British Columbia, V5L 3S6 604-251-2908.

The second conference, the American Council of Georgist Organizations, meets May 24-25 at the Empress Hotel in Victoria. This is this year's U.S. Annual National Conference. For more information, contact Mark Sullivan, 5 E. 44th St., New York, NY 10017. Hope you can be there!

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NEW YORK

THE BOARD MEETS

Ed Dodson was elected president at the February meeting of the Board of Trustees. Ed is a supervisor of quality control at Federal National Mortgage Associates and is involved with investment finance. George Collins introduced him to the Georgist philosophy five years ago at the Philadelphia school where Ed later became a faculty member.

In addition, Ed is also Deputy Director of the Council of Georgist Organizations and co-editor of *Equal Rights*. Having received a B.B.A. at the University of Shippensburg in PA., he is currently a Master's degree candidate at Temple University in Philadelphia. Ed Dodson's articles have appeared in *Focus Magazine* and *The Philadelphia Economists* among others.

More changes. Replacing Pat Aller, who resigned as a Trustee, is Felice Gruskin, a long-time Georgist and faculty member of the New York School. Re-elected are: Oscar Johannsen—Vice President, Lancaster Greene—Treasurer, George Collins—Secretary. Trustees re-elected are: R. Barbuto, C. Weinstein, F. Ossias, G. Collins, S. Mayers.

HAITI—GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

On February 23rd Fryda Ossias met with members of the Haitian community at the New York School. The meeting centered around an advertisement in a Haitian/New York newspaper. The goal of the seminar, which was given in English and French, was to introduce the New York-Haitian community to the Georgist philosophy.

NEW ENGLAND

At the March 8th Northeast Regional Conference on the Social Studies, Coordinator Arnold Levine led a workshop for highschool teachers entitled "Land: Our Heritage to Our Children." Using the Land and Freedom Series, he stressed the importance of land in American history.

School Notes

LONG ISLAND

SEMI-ANNUAL CONFERENCE DEBATE

At the Semi-Annual Conference on April 18, William Stocker and Albert Fink will debate Saul Rosen and Miriam Peretsman on "Protectionism versus Free Trade." Stocker, state treasurer and Nassau County Chapter treasurer of the Libertarian Party, with Fink, faculty member of the Henry George School on Long Island, will debate for free trade. Rosen and Peretsman, who are both affiliated with the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, will debate for protectionism. The debate will be held at the Plainview Library from 10 to 12:30 pm. A ceremony commemorating the 100th anniversary of the publication of *Protection or Free Trade* will precede the debate.

PROCLAMATIONS

The Long Island School continues to receive more proclamations. As noted in last month's issue, the School has requested surrounding townships to declare May 5th "Henry George Day" in celebration of the centennial of *Protection or Free Trade*. New proclamations include those from Michael LoGrande, town supervisor of Islip, and Peter Cohalan, County Executive of Suffolk County who said a proclamation will be issued.

DELAWARE

The Baltimore Hyatt Regency Hotel was the meeting place for the Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference held on February 13. Frank Nelson, state coordinator of Delaware, conducted a seminar "The Land Question—Perennial Search for Justice and Equality." The sizeable turnout at the conference included highschool teachers who were introduced to ideas discussed in the Land and Freedom Series.

LOS ANGELES

The Alumni Group of the LA School announced new topics for available speakers. Among the topics are, "The Case for Free Trade," "There are no Such Things as Trade Deficits," and "Our Empty World Needs More People."

SACRAMENTO

The Sacramento school has sent copies of a series of articles entitled "Special Report/The Legacy of Proposition 13" to all state legislators in California. These articles examine the effects of the "tax revolt" on public and private sectors. The objective of this mailing was to urge legislators to make changes in the Proposition which would "protect homeowners while still providing local governments with sufficient income. . ."

SAN FRANCISCO

A GENUINE SOLUTION

An article by Roger Somers, president of the Northern California School, appeared in a recent issue of *The Possible Community*. The article, "Speaking to the Roots of Poverty: Land value taxation—a solution," proposes a tax on the land only. Somers says, "There is a genuine solution in Land Value Taxation."

MARX, GEORGE AND CAPITALISM

Bob Scrofani, Coordinator in San Francisco, with Professor Steven Hughes, will lead a March 26 activity-related workshop concerning the Industrial Revolution in which Marx, George and Capitalism will be the major themes. Other workshops include the March 6th session at the Los Angeles Hilton, sponsored by the California State Council of Social Studies, and one on March 15th at Stanislaus State University in Turlock.

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