

## EDITOR'S NOTES: *Journals of Interest*

*Insights: A journal of commentary on political economy* makes its debut this month with Volume 1/Number 1. The journal is published jointly by the Los Angeles Henry George School and LA Chapter of Common Ground USA. Its purpose is to cover the activities of its sponsoring organizations as well as comment on worldwide events. Among the articles in this first issue are: the 1990 Congressional budget hearings (in all their absurdity); an update on and history of Britain's poll tax; Russia's land policy from 1917 to the present, and what is to be done now, and "Insights' Awards to Los Angeles Philanthropists" - i.e., to low profile land speculators who are also high-profile celebrities giving to good causes. Stan Sapiro is the principal writer, and Marion Sapiro is editor and typesetter. To get a copy (no price is mentioned), contact the School in Tujunga.

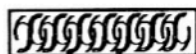
*The Geonomist* also appears for the first time this month. This is the newsletter of the Institute for Geonomic Transformation at PO Box 157, Santa Barbara, CA 93102. The Institute is sponsoring the visit of Jeff Smith, with Prof. Nic Tideman, to Eastern Europe. This first typewritten issue gives an update and detailed itinerary of Jeff's tour (which was first announced in our April issue). The tour began April 21 in Bulgaria and will end on August 23 in Holland (with a break in July to attend US conferences). Jeff will be visiting various academic and political persons, including many in the Green movement, and has offered to convey messages from Georgists. Contact addresses and phone numbers for Jeff are given in this first issue, a copy of which can be had by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Editor of *Henry George Newsletter* in New York.

*The Truth Seeker* is a "Freethinker's Publication Since 1873." Many of its articles concern intellectual, social and economic freedom. Its current issue (Volume 117, No. 1) addresses unjust and unlawful taxation, and alternatives proposed by Henry George, Thomas Paine (perhaps the greatest champion of free thought) and others. Feature articles are divided into three main sections: *We The People* (which includes "American Indian Roots of The U.S. Constitution"), *Taxation Without Representation* (including a defense of "Proportional Representation"), and *Progress And Poverty* (including Georgist reprints as well as a graphic piece by Editor James W. Prescott suggesting that a 10%

## NEW YORKERS CONSIDER HOUSING & LAND ISSUES

New York Director George Collins attended Governor Cuomo's Conference on Housing at the Javits Convention Center in Manhattan on April 26th. Federal, State and local housing officials, activists, developers and members of housing organizations filled the audience. Mr. Collins exposed them to Georgist ideas concerning housing in open sessions and in private conversations. Among the latter were fact-to-face exchanges with Mayor Dinkins and builder Jim Rouse. Mr. Collins returned after a full day with many requests for literature and follow-up contacts.

Next evening, at the New York School, members of the public attended a Friday Night Forum on "Land in the Movies." The motion picture, *Country*, dealt with the plight of farmers in the 1980s who borrowed heavily in the basis of inflated land values only to be foreclosed upon when land prices dropped. No amount of hard work and efficiency proved sufficient to reduce their debts which had been caused by economic forces beyond their control. A very spirited discussion followed which emphasized the distorting effects of speculative land price spirals.



tax on land assessments is the only one we need). This certainly is one issue students of Henry George won't want to miss. Send \$4 to *The Truth Seeker*, PO Box 2832, San Diego, CA 92112.

*Kentuckians For The Commonwealth* is a grassroots movement promoting reform in several areas including economic, ecological, and educational. KFTC's advocacy of an unmined minerals tax, among other measures, brought them to the attention of Georgists a few years ago. For a copy of their latest annual report, contact KFTC at PO Box 864, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 (Tel. 606-886-0043).

### *A Summer of Conferences*

Listed below are conferences that should be of interest to students of the Henry George School:

**TOES: The Other Economic Summit.** July 6-8, Houston, Texas. An international, non-governmental forum; "The Voice of People for a Change." Contact: Larry Martin, TOES, 1442 Harvard Street NW, Washington, DC 20009 (202-667-4659).

**Ninth Annual Fourth World Assembly.** July 11-15, The Catholic Information Center, Irving, Texas (near Dallas/Ft. Worth Airport). Includes Kirkpatrick Sale & Susan Witt (E. F. Schumacher Society), Jeff Smith, and Tom Greco (School Of Living) - all friends of the Georgist movement. Contact: Gene Marshall, Realistic Living, PO Box 140826, Dallas, TX 75214 (214-324-4629).

**Permaculture: Design for Sustainable Human Communities.** July 15 - August 11, Gap Mountain Permaculture, Jaffrey, New Hampshire. Co-sponsor: School Of Living, RD1 Box 185A, Cochranville, PA 19330. Contact: Gap Mountain Per-

maculture, 9 Old County Rd., Jaffrey, NH 03452 (603-532-7092).

**1990 North American Georgist Conference.** July 25-30, College of Santa Fe, New Mexico. Common Ground USA Pre-Conference, July 23-25. Contact: Mark Sullivan, Council of Georgist Organizations, 121 East 30th St., New York, NY 10016 (212-595-1669, 1-9 PM); James L. Busey, Intermountain Single Tax Association (ISTA), PO Box 7, Manitou Springs, CO 80829; Earl A. Hanson, ISTA, PO Box 207, Cedar City, UT 94720.

**Third National Community Land Trust Conference.** August 16-19, Burlington, Vermont. Will highlight innovative public programs supportive of CLTs in Vermont, as well as training workshops for developing and existing CLTs. Contact: Carrie or Julie, Institute for Community Economics, 151 Montague City Rd., Greenfield, MA 01301 (413-774-7956).

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE NEW YORK SCHOOL

*Land in the Movies II: Friday June 1st, 7 PM. Film to be announced.*

*Nicaragua -- What Next? Saturday June 9th, 1-4 PM, with Mike Curtis, Director of the Philadelphia HGS, and visitor to Nicaragua.*

*Drugs in America -- Legalization or War? Saturday June 16th, 1-4 PM, with NY State Senator Joseph Galiber, Chairman of State Subcommittee on Hard Drugs; Rev. Dino Woodard, Assistant Pastor of Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem; and Michael Sehested, Program Coordinator for ADAPT, which provides services and information on AIDS and drug issues.*