

# Henry George Newsletter

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## CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Stan Rubenstein has announced that he will be stepping aside as director of the New York Henry George School headquarters. George Collins, current director of the Philadelphia School, will take over in his place. And Mike Curtis, director of the School's Arden Activities in Delaware, will replace Mr. Collins in Philadelphia. Mr. Rubenstein is not retiring, but will go on to devote his time to running and expanding the School's high school program which he founded five years ago.

George Collins came to the United States from Jamaica in 1955, and, six years later, enrolled as a student at the Henry George School in New York. In 1964, he was appointed director of the Philadelphia extension and Henry George birthplace/museum. For nearly a quarter-century, Mr. Collins has been active building up adult education classes and conducting land tax research at the request of public bodies in the Philadelphia area. He has also been quite successful in getting attention from *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, other newspapers, and local radio stations. As a result, there is now much lively interest in land tax reform in Philadelphia.

Mr. Collins has also participated extensively with Philadelphia's Parkway Program, an alternative approach to high school education outside the confines of the classroom. He has been an active professional in the theatre, films and television — which has contributed to the production of the School's video series in economics and history. Mr. Collins has also served as secretary of the Henry George School board of trustees since 1977, and thus is quite familiar with the work of the New York headquarters. Some of his goals as director will be "to seize the opportunities presented by our new location to expand the adult education program, improve its faculty, and establish the Henry George School as an economic institution and resource within the community. It is an enormous challenge to come back to New York City," said Mr. Collins. "A challenge to continue and build upon the work being done in this city and in this age where new creative approaches are required."

Stan Rubenstein has served as director of the New York headquarters in 1973-74 and from 1982 to the present. He also serves as director of the Long Island extension, which he founded in 1967. In 1983, Mr. Rubenstein retired from professional high school teaching to devote more of his energies to the Henry George School. He did not leave the field of high school education, but rather began to develop what is now a highly successful program of supplementary social studies activities and materials for high school students, now used by thousands of teachers in the U.S. These include the *Land and Freedom* printed lessons in *American History*, *World History*, and *Economics*; and videoseries in basic economics and American history. Mr. Rubenstein will shortly be retiring as Henry George School director in order to devote even more time and energy as its national high school co-ordinator: creating new supplementary materials, and making further periodic visits to high schools and social studies conferences around the country. "It is most gratifying," said Mr. Rubenstein, "when social studies teachers are so receptive to our materials. Obstacles encountered twenty years ago are simply not there. Teachers recognize the importance land plays in the course of human history."

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