

## Conference to Convene in California

Official announcement has been made, and full details have been revealed regarding the 1974 Henry George School Conference. The annual gathering will be held in one of the sunniest areas on the sunny West Coast, the sponsors of this year's conference being the Henry George Schools of California.

The conference, which will constitute the first "Conference of Inquiry," will extend from Tuesday, July 9, through Sunday, July 14, 1974. It will gather at the new Francisco Torres Conference Centre, located at 6850 El Colegio Road, Goleta, California 93017, which is close to the campus of the University of California in Santa Barbara. The site of the conference is about a fifteen-minute ride from Santa Barbara, which lies 100 miles north of Los Angeles, and is served by major airlines and excellent highways. There is convenient transportation between Santa Barbara and Goleta. Incidentally, those booking on United Airlines need pay no extra fare from L.A. to Santa Barbara.

The atmosphere and surroundings at Francisco Torres are extremely pleasant, and the facilities are exceptionally varied, appealing to both outdoor and indoor enthusiasts. One may choose to immerse in the Pacific Ocean or in the heated swimming pool; and one may wield a cue at the billiard tables or elect a more strenuous activity on the tennis courts. The food is good and "the prices are right," full board being available for as little as \$16 a day.

The cost of accommodations during the conference is based on the length of stay, working out in general as follows, assuming that the guest or guests will remain until Sunday, the final day of the conference. For those arriving on Tuesday, the rates are \$115 for single occupancy, \$95 for double occupancy, and there is a family rate of \$135. For those arriving on Wednesday, the charges are \$95 single, \$78 double, and \$135 family rate. For those arriving Thursday, \$75 single, \$61 double, and \$105 family rate. For Friday arrivals, the rates are \$55 single, \$44 double, and \$75 family. Further information with respect to accommodations, reservations, transportation, or other data relating to the conference, may be

obtained by writing to: Conference Committee, Henry George School, Box 655, Tijuana, California 91042; telephone: (213) 352-4141.

The novel theme of the Conference of Inquiry will be an endeavor to discover and delineate economic and social problems, rather than simply to observe effects and seek solutions. Harry Pollard, president of the Los Angeles Henry George School, reports that when friends gathered at the death-bed of Gertrude Stein earnestly asked her "What is the answer?", she archly replied "What is the question?" This is precisely what the conference will try to determine. As Darwin once remarked, solutions are simple but finding the problem is difficult.

The unusual nature of the conference theme, which (to say the least) reflects an intriguingly provocative approach, should certainly result in a series of extremely interesting meetings. Participants in the many programs being scheduled will represent an international assemblage, and a wide-ranging diversity of discussion will be heard. There will be talks, perhaps a "lecture" or two, seminars, panel discussions, question-and-answer sessions, and possibly a few surprises. In addition to the representatives from various Henry George Schools who will take part, it is expected that a number of guest speakers will address the conferees and join in the discussions.

It is also anticipated that directors of HGS extensions and of associate schools will meet and confer with Arnold A. Weinstein, president of the Henry George School in New York, and members of its Board of Trustees, to discuss past activities and future plans.

As always, no effort is being spared to try to make the 1974 Conference a truly enjoyable and worthwhile affair. Every year the host school does its best to make its conference "better than ever," and this year is no exception. The Henry George Schools of California, under Harry Pollard's enthusiastic leadership, are going all out to assure a successful event. It should be a great gathering, one that everyone who can get to California ought to attend.