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EARTH DAY CELEBRATED AT HENRY GEORGE SCHOOL IN NEW YORK

Over forty people attended the third annual Earth Day Conference held at the Henry George School in New York on March 19. Speakers addressed the theme, "World Trade and the Economics of War and Peace," during the all-day session.

Don Hurford introduced a videotape of Dr. Helen Caldicott, who spoke on the realities of the arms race, emphasizing the "historic uniqueness" of the late twentieth century, a comment which sparked vigorous discussion and debate during the morning session.

Mark Sullivan, Secretary of the Council of Georgist Organizations, one of the event's sponsors, noted that "...The broader relevance of Georgism to the theme of world peace and international cooperation and development was brought home, particularly in the afternoon session, by Scott Suma of Global Education Associates, who felt that as Georgists, we have a real contribution to make to the efforts toward peace and cooperation, and that our message and ideas should be put into this arena."

HENRY GEORGE BIRTHPLACE RECEIVES STATE LANDMARK STATUS

The Pennsylvania Bureau of Historic Preservation National Register Review Commission has approved the application of the Henry George School in Philadelphia, also the birthplace of Henry George, to receive state landmark status. The application was forwarded to Washington and national status is still pending.

An interesting finding was reported by Commission researchers during the application process. The Commission needed to determine the uniqueness of George's birthplace, so that no other building of suitable relevance to George's life or work may supercede the birthplace. During this period, a researcher in Sullivan County, N.Y. found a deed issued to Henry George in 1891 for a lot in Merriewold, N.Y., on which a summer cottage was built. Although none of the "Georgist historians" who prepared the original application knew of the house, it does not stand to negatively affect the Commission's decision to give national landmark status. A update on this story will appear in the next Newsletter.

STAN RUBENSTEIN APPOINTED HEADQUARTERS DIRECTOR

At the April meeting of the Board of Trustees, Stan Rubenstein was appointed Director of the Henry George School in New York. Rubenstein has been serving as Interim Director since December, 1982 and is retiring from the teaching profession in June, after more than twenty years of teaching high school Social Studies on Long Island.