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class than it has had in many years.

There has been an influx of teachers at the New York School as well as students. Mr. Nibaldo Aguilera is now in his second term of teaching *Fundamental Economics* to a large and enthusiastic Spanish-speaking class. And Mr. Cartrell Gore, F.E. graduate and political columnist (see article in the Summer '90 Newsletter) is teaching the new Friday section of *Practical Writing*.

Three students are undergoing teacher training with Director George Collins. Menashe Shaul and Ali Akbar Khan filled in for George Collins during his recent trip to Jamaica, teaching a lesson each of *Fundamental Economics* and *Economic Science*. Pia De Silva is also in training and both she and Mr. Shaul are tentatively scheduled to take on sections of *Fundamental Economics* later in this school year.

GREEN LAND USE PHILOSOPHY

Paul Johnson, Northern California HGS Board member and San Francisco Green activist took his case for better land use thru land value taxation to the conference of Greens in Eugene, Oregon, earlier this year, as well as to the more recent Green gathering in Colorado (see accompanying article).

The Green Land Use Philosophy in summary:

All land use policies and practices must acknowledge:

- (1) *That we share the land with other forms of life.*
- (2) *That their survival is as important as our own.*
- (2) *That the health and survival of all life forms is interdependent.*

We recognize that a Western lifestyle of materialism and consumerism puts pressure on a limited amount of land and a finite resource base. We recognize that population growth, both natural and from migration, often causes additional pressures. Therefore all land use policies, plans and practices should be based on the following:

- (1) *Sustainable development and production.*
- (2) *The reduce-reuse-recycle ethic.*
- (3) *The encouragement of a balance between optimal and diverse use of land, recognizing the natural character of the land.*
- (4) *The inherent right of nature to exist for its own sake.*
- (5) *The assurance of social justice in the formulation and implementation of land use policy.*

The underlying theme of the Green land policies is that vast land holdings by the few is immoral, often making ecologically unsound land practices profitable, squanders nature's bounty for the benefit of the few, and is a large problem ripe for a Green solution. Other groups at the Oregon conference joined us to recommend socializing the economic value of the land and natural resources.

For more information on Green land use policies, contact Paul Johnson at 915 Pierce Street #305, San Francisco, CA 94115.

JEFF SMITH GEOFIES EAST EUROPEAN GREENS

A report from the Fall, 1990 issue of *The Geonomist*, newsletter of the Institute for Geonomic Transformation, reports on its President Jeff Smith's second visit this year to Europe. Two reforms have highlighted his message on this tour: (a) using land value increases to fund mass transit, and (b) writing off Third World debt in exchange for land reform. Jeff's host in Sweden in August was a Green Party MP, Goste Lynga, who sits on Parliament's Tax committee. Lynga liked the rent-for-transit idea enough to fax it to the rest of the Green parliamentary delegation who were drafting legislation to introduce this fall. Lynga also promised to bring up the debt-for-ground-rent idea during his October visit to the United Nations in New York. Other Swedish MPs liked what Jeff had to say, including Carl Frick, Lars Norberg, and Kristen Skanberg. Jeff also was on hand at the annual meeting of all Swedish Green Party staffs, federal and (four) regional.

This is just a sample of the contacts Jeff Smith is making, not only in Sweden, but in Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Estonia. In a recent letter to New York headquarters, Jeff writes that a Green activist warns, "Gorbachev will soon fall and if we're to do anything it must be soon.... The door is still open to us in Eastern Europe... we must do all we can to enter into their debate and be accepted. [This] requires much personal, friendly interaction. Never before has any people sought a third way economy, without knowing precisely what they're looking for, as eagerly do the Eastern Europeans. If we can get any of these newly freed cities or republics to try geonomics (you see where Leningrad declared economic independence from Moscow?), our struggle will soon be over. Once the pilot project is under way, our theory will prove itself, and the whole world will have to follow."

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GEO-GREEN UPDATE

Georgist Greens (GeoGreens, for short) Mitch Chancelis, Paul Johnson, and this writer attended the Green Gathering held in Estes park, Colorado, September 12-16. Also on hand was Clear Marks, an elderly wise man and Georgist who lives on a land trust in Georgia. On Thursday afternoon, the 13th, we sponsored a workshop called the Forum on Ecology & Freedom. Mitch, Paul and I explained the Georgist vision of how society can function to the group of about 25 people, with whom we intend to keep in contact. About a dozen turned up that evening for more informal discussion. Friday evening saw a smaller (but different) group actively discuss GeoGreen Forum ideas. Hundreds of pieces of literature were given to Gatherees, standard Georgist fare as well as material provided by Randy Prince. A few copies of *Progress & Poverty* were sold.

But that's not the big news. This is: Nelson Denman, who was a guest Green at our Santa Fe conference last July, appeared unexpectedly at the Green Gathering and immediately began circulating a petition calling for a Green issue-paper on urban concerns. Everybody signed the petition. Nelson will be working on the urban issue-paper during the current year, basing it upon the Green City program of the Planet Drum Foundation. The GeoGreen Forum will be responsible for the process of putting it all together. There is a good chance that next year's Green Gathering will be held in St. Louis. Urban issues will be prominent on the agenda, and the GeoGreen Forum may have a great deal of impact at this Gathering. To further this, Mitch and I will be working on the urban document as well. We are also considering doing a newsletter on urban-GeoGreen issues. Those interested should contact me at the address below.

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