

The Henry George School in News

LOS ANGELES'S former extension director, William B. Truehart, is now teaching classes in Fundamental Economics at three church-related colleges in Southern California, using methods he originated three years ago when he originated this type of course. Although he adopts a somewhat detached, academic role, he finds that some of the best students become rather suddenly excited about land value taxation and want to know what can be done to implement it. He finds that young people of this impressionable age are particularly worthwhile subjects for libertarian and Georgist economics. Realizing this, socialists and other collectivists take advantage of campus outlets to the fullest possible degree. Furthermore, in the church-related colleges young people are perhaps a little more inclined to appreciate ideals and ethical principles.

In February Los Angeles friends heard Dr. Warren Carroll who recently completed a course at the Henry George School. Citing the parallel history of the decline of the Roman and American republics, another parallel is indicated with George's "Law of Human Progress."

Dr. Carroll shows that despotism does not arrive suddenly, but may be "quietly reached by a deceptive road through almost featureless country." When the institutional limits, checks and balances on centralized government have "blurred into dimness and vanished over the years," we are on the threshold of the total state. It begins in fact when government becomes self-perpetuating. If the amendment to eliminate off-year Congressional elections is approved, only one more amendment will be needed to make despotism complete, says this author. That is the removal of the present limit on the number of Presidential terms in office.

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BOSTON has again initiated a class in basic economics under the leadership of its director, M. S. Lurio, with 24 students. It started February 4th at the Arlington Street Church.

NEW JERSEY has announced a tax seminar to be held in Carteret, and talks have been requested by the Society of Producing Engineers, a Junior Chamber of Commerce group and a Republican club.

NEW YORK winter classes, basic and advanced; English, Spanish and French; are giving a good account of themselves, despite the fact that they had one rather large strike against them at the beginning. Several classes in suburban areas are also attracting attention, such as the one taught by Dr. Samuel Scheck at the Syosset High School in Long Island (see p. 11), and one by Paul Nix in Springfield, New Jersey,

Fridays at Eight will feature films on March 11th and 25th. On March 4th "New Concepts in Language Learning" will be discussed by V. V. Kamenew (the Tabor method used in the UK). On the 18th Lyn Loos will present Shakespearean sonnets.

CALI, COLOMBIA, whose director is Hernan Sanin Vermont, has now taken larger quarters centrally located at Calle 15 No. 183, Seg. Piso, for its popular economics classes. This school has continued at a high level through the year and is dedicated to showing how the application of Henry George's principles can solve many of the political and social problems in Colombia. Mr. Sanin is founding a National Association of Land Friends, and will soon issue a Spanish information and literature bulletin based on George's economic laws, made possible by the gift of a mimeograph machine from interested friends of the movement.

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