

The Henry George School in the News

SAN FRANCISCO held a one-day Teachers Institute in January to which students were invited on recommendation of their class leader or branch president because of their understanding of fundamental economics and "ability to present this clearly and courteously." The purpose of the institute was to develop more fluency in discussion. Leonard Vidger, Professor of Business at San Francisco State College; Robert Tideman, Executive Secretary of the Henry George School; and others, were present to coach those who accepted the invitation. *Progress and Poverty* was a required text.

LOS ANGELES reports a year of steady growth with attention directed to internal reorganization and rehabilitation of headquarters. More than 400 visitors were attracted to the building at 577 North Vermont Avenue during the year, many of whom made their first contact with the philosophy of Henry George; and more than 1200 Southern Californians were exposed to the school's point of view through the speakers bureau. "We built the launching-pad in 1964—the count-down begins in 1965," said Director Harry Pollard, who is conducting a class in "Everywoman's Village" in Van Nuys, for "libertarians with specific understanding of objectivism and liberalism."

ST. LOUIS is rallying under its new director, Loral D. Swofford, and has taken off with a winter term composed of three city and three county classes in Fundamental Economics, one of which has an enrollment of fifty. An advanced class is being offered in Berwyn near St. Louis.

The 25th anniversary of this extension received wide publicity in the local press. It was observed formally

at Christ Church Cathedral with an enthusiastic attendance despite the bad weather. Dr. Robert V. Andelson, of Natchitoches, Louisiana, stressed perseverance as a motto. Loral Swofford, the new director who succeeds Noah D. Alper, has been active in a Baptist mission church. He is a graduate of Southeast Missouri State College in Cape Girardeau, and has been employed with the Universal Match Company for some twenty years. His enthusiasm for the work of the school is boundless.

NEW YORK welcomes as a part time worker on the staff, Charles F. Leonard of California who is studying medicine at Medical Center. He succeeds Gilbert Herman as chairman of the research Committee on Land Taxation (COLT). The phase relating to land value assessments is now being completed. Mr. Leonard spoke at the international conference last summer on "The Nature of Capital and Causes of Interest" (available in booklet form).

The winter term at headquarters has begun with an enrollment considerably larger than last fall. In an extending radius, Paul Nix, Jr. and Bruno Eichert are teaching advanced classes in Berkeley, New Jersey and Jackson Heights, Long Island, respectively. William Buhr has completed a class in Ramsey, New Jersey.

Fridays-at-Eight will feature on February 5th a panel discussion of "The Problem of Prejudice" with Sydney Mayers as chairman. Philip Rubin, Gaspar Delgado and Elbert Dennis will participate. On February 19th H. Jan Ritscher, vice president of Volkswagen of America, will speak on "Rudolf Steiner and Henry George." Lancaster M. Greene will preside. Film programs will be enjoyed on February 12th and 26th, at eight p.m.