

## *The Henry George School in the News*

**LOS ANGELES** invites all visitors enroute to the annual conference to 577 North Vermont, on Saturday, July 10th for buffet dinner, fun and frolic. "We will welcome them to California," says Harry Pollard, "and explain how our smog mostly drifts down from San Francisco." Furthermore, he adds, tourist literature on Los Angeles will be supplied. Roy Begley, who narrowly missed getting elected to the Canadian Parliament, and who MC'd the rollicking panel on "The Doctor and His Customer" last month, will speak.

**ST. LOUIS** director, Loral Swofford, reports on graduates from the basic and advanced courses given during the recent term, bringing the total to 160 for the year. He is happy, too, with four new teachers, much needed and greatly appreciated. He and his wife will be at the annual conference in California to meet colleagues and make new acquaintances. He plans to devote his full energies to fund raising and a membership program soon, and one suspects that these are no idle words, for his energies are considerable.

**DETROIT** staged an achievement program at its June 5th spring term completion meeting. Benjamin F. Smith reported on illegal taxation of land in Grand Rapids, where he lives. He has become a one-man army in Michigan, and has certainly stirred things up here, said Robert Benton, the director. We suspect he has one good army staff member—his wife. We hope to hear more about this at the annual conference this month. Mayor James Clarkson of Southfield, Michigan, who is now in his third term with phenomenal credits for mayoral performance, spoke of skyrocketing land values in Southfield.

**NEW YORK'S** June commencements were well attended. Two Spanish classes held graduation exercises for the largest number of graduates to date. Matthew Ossias and William Camargo of the headquarters staff are encouraged by the fact that Latin American students are eager for education and a large percentage complete every course in which they enroll.

The summer term has begun with basic economics classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, in English and Spanish. Two advanced courses are on the agenda, and a ten-week course in Russian Language and Culture taught by Mrs. Liuba K. Chambers. As is customary in summer, there will be a class for high school students. Philadelphia will also offer a high school class, and students in both cities may, if they wish, compete in the annual essay contest for the Ezra Cohen Memorial prize.

Robert Clancy, New York director, will take the "high road" to the West Coast, and will stop in Great Falls, Montana, where he will address a public meeting as the guest of Russel Conklin.

**CALI, COLOMBIA** has enrolled 250 students in the three summer classes being offered there in the new extension. These will be taught by the visiting instructor, Peter Patsakos, assistant director from New York, in the famous Sierra Building. Enroute to Cali, Mr. Patsakos was surprised by cordial newspaper notices on arrival and also in Panama.

**PUERTO RICO** welcomed 200 persons to its annual banquet in May. Arnold A. Weinstein, a trustee of the HGS in New York and Peter Patsakos, were among the guests. The director of this extension, Dr. Edwin Rios

Maldonado, was present at the international conference last summer and explained that the school in San Juan emphasizes not only the importance of land reform, but spiritual and cultural standards as well, which their students eagerly accept.

**KENYA** comes a little closer every time a few hours are clipped from the flight schedule. Kul Bhushan, the young idea-filled director of the Center for Economic Inquiry, keeps in touch with Georgists, world-wide, and entertains

them royally when they visit in his home. A first basic course has been completed in the New Era College and others have been planned. Advertisements in the daily newspapers, and in posters and brochures, brought more than a hundred inquiries regarding the basic course in economics, which he answered. This and much more is covered in an "account rendered" after six months of enthusiastic activity touched off by his attendance at the international conference last summer in New York.

#### WEST COAST CONFERENCE

You may still have time to come to the 21st annual conference of the Henry George School July 14th to 18th at the Asilomar Hotel in Pacific Grove, California. This ideal location offers accommodations that will delight the heart of every jaded Georgist who grumbles amiably at conferences, but wouldn't miss one on a bet.

There will be the stimulation of hearing about California's Homeowner activity and reports from far and wide on the philosophy of Henry George in theory and practice; also a social evening and theater party. With Robert Tideman of San Francisco as host, everyone can relax and enjoy life completely. Vacationers will rest and dream on this beautiful Monterey Peninsula and read about the conference in the August HGN. Hurry, fly now, play later . . .

"We did get exposure," says Wylie Young of the Erie, Pennsylvania attempt to put a LVT candidate up for election to the City Council. "We have plans to continue our political activity, but as yet no arrangements have been completed. We are convinced that a political campaign is the most effective way to educate. People will listen because they feel they can make their votes count in a matter where their future is at stake. We reached 15,000 people, and a lot more know about our program. The candidate got 3,300 votes and it is considered that at least 2,500 of these were for the land value reform." Perhaps at a future date the Erie Land Tax Association will move up to a position of bargaining from strength instead of weakness, and then the results will be different because LVT will then be an idea "whose time has come."

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