

## INTERMOUNTAIN SINGLE TAX ASSOCIATION TO HOST 1990 CONTINENTAL CONFERENCE IN SANTA FE

Every year the Council of Georgist Organizations (CGO) sponsors a North American Georgist Conference. Last year's was held in Philadelphia in conjunction with the London-based International Union for Land Value Taxation and Free Trade, with the Philadelphia Henry George School as local host.

This year's host will be the Intermountain Single Tax Association (ISTA), with President James L. Buscy in Manitou Springs, Colorado, and Executive Secretary Earl A.

Hanson in Cedar City, Utah. Prof. Buscy and his wife, Marion, have been doing much of the on-site liaison work with the College of Santa Fe in Santa Fe, New Mexico, where the conference will be held from Wednesday evening July 25th to Monday midday July 30th. A pre-conference for Common Ground USA is scheduled from Sunday evening July 22nd to Wednesday afternoon July 25th.

A varied program is promised by ISTA and CGO officers (Chairman Sam Venturella in Chicago and Secretary/Treasurer Mark Sullivan in New York). Included will be a festive mid-week reception, a one-day trip to Taos (known for its American Indian pueblo architecture) on Friday, and the annual banquet on Saturday. Presentations will include a look at the Spanish land grant system in the new world, how the US acquired the Southwest (by Stan Rubenstein), a debate between Colin Bonner and Steven Cord over the merits of the capital gains tax, and more. Papers presented at the conference will be published by CGO Deputy Chairman Richard Noyes in New Hampshire. We will have more conference information, including costs (under \$50/day for room & board) and how to register, in our next Newsletter.

## LETTERS TO THE DIRECTOR

It's always gratifying to both teachers and directors at the various branches of the Henry George School to have students express appreciation of their studies with the school. Here are two excerpts from letters received by the New York Director:

*I've recently completed an economics course entitled "Progress and Poverty" last Fall taught by Charley Ellinger at Smithtown East High School. The course was a tremendous brain teaser, as it opened my mind to thinking how land price oriented our society is and how Henry George's theories apply to us so effectively.*

*Mr. Ellinger convinced many of us skeptics of the benefits of applying Henry George's theories to our money-obsessed society....Keep up the Renaissance!!!- St. James, New York*

*Not only was Mr. Sydney Mayers a fine Gentleman, he is a perfect teacher, who knows how to keep his writing classes interesting and how to convey his knowledge to his students.*

*This was a class of different nationalities! Each contributed to the pleasure of being there.*

*Special thanks to the administration and its staff members for giving us the chance to... learn a lot and to enjoy the nice company of people there.... New York, New York*

## SACRAMENTO ACTIVITIES

Evelyn Friend, who directs the Sacramento extension of the Northern California HGS, hosted a potluck dinner at her home on January 25th. The eleven school associates who attended heard former NY school trustee Glenn Weeks speak on "The Future of the Henry George Movement." The extension's board of directors also met a week earlier on the 18th.

## LUCY DE SILFA REPORTS FROM SANTO DOMINGO

In a communication to New York Headquarters, Lucy De Silfa, Director of the School's branch in the Dominican Republic, reports that "Things are quite well here," in spite of the fact that this is an election year - which usually lowers student enrollment somewhat.

Several winter classes (in Spanish, of course) are being held: two *Progress & Poverty* classes in San Pedro de Macoris, three *P&P* and two *Applied Economics* classes in Santo Domingo, and one *Land Reform* class also in Santo Domingo.

Other activities, such as conferences, and speeches in clubs and schools, are continuing. Fifteen seminars are scheduled in different institutions, as well as a special course for members of the Energetic Commission, a governmental institution, and a seminar for HGS teachers.



## NEW SPANISH LANGUAGE SUPPLEMENT TO BEGIN

Beginning with the next issue of the Henry George Newsletter, a supplement written for our Spanish-speaking students will be included on a regular basis. Those who do not receive the supplement with their March issue, but would like to, should contact the Editor of this Newsletter or Manuel Felix, Head of the Hispanic Affairs Division, at New York Headquarters.

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