

# Henry George Newsletter

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## *INTERNATIONAL HENRY GEORGE SESQUICENTENNIAL CONFERENCE*

Philadelphia will be the site of the 1989 International Georgist Conference. Co-sponsored by the New York-based Council of Georgist Organizations and the London-based International Union for Land Value Taxation and Free Trade, this is the 9th Annual Conference of the Council, and 18th Conference of the Union (the first was held in 1923 in Oxford). Most of the Conference will take place at the University of Pennsylvania, an Ivy League school founded by Benjamin Franklin near the heart of the city, where conferees will be housed in a high-rise dormitory. Other activities will take place at the birthplace of Henry George (413 South 10th Street) and in Arden, Delaware, among other locations.

Arrival and registration will begin on Saturday July 29th, with a full first day of activities on Sunday the 30th. This day will be devoted to celebrating the 150th anniversary of Henry George's birth (actually September 2, 1839). The celebration will include closing off the block on which the birthplace stands in order to hold a rededication ceremony of the fully restored Henry George Birthplace/Museum. Festivities will continue later in the evening with the official opening Conference Dinner at the University's Penn Towers Hotel. Invited guest of honor at both events will be famous choreographer, Henry George's granddaughter, Agnes George DeMille.

Conference Coordinator George Collins promises a "richly varied program, designed to highlight George's philosophy as the logical culmination of the struggle between opposing social systems." Speakers and panelists with academic, political, environmental, as well as Georgist perspectives are being lined up. A full set of conference papers is to be published, edited by Richard Noyes of New Hampshire, who is both President of the International Union and Deputy Chairman of the Council. Publisher of the papers will be British firm Shephard Walwyn Ltd. in conjunction with the new Centre for Incentive Taxation in London. The theme of the conference papers and presentations will be "With Liberty and Justice for All" in honor of Philadelphia's hallmark as the "Cradle of Liberty."

In addition to the program, a variety of "extracurricular" activities are being planned for Wednesday August 2nd, including a visit to Independence Hall, a tour of "the most historic square mile in America", and your choice of a moonlight cruise or an excursion to the casinos of Atlantic City. The Conference Banquet will be held at the University Faculty Club on Friday the 4th, with a day-long trip to the Arden (founded in 1900 as a Single Tax community) on Saturday, where yet another special program is being prepared. The Conference will conclude with an "open-mike" evaluation session on Sunday the 6th at the University.

There are several ways to participate in this historic Conference: as an on-campus Resident, as an off-campus Day Visitor, or as a non-attending Associate Member of the Conference. *Associate Members* are those who cannot attend but, by paying the Conference Fee of \$40, will be listed as an Associate in the program and receive a full set of Conference papers. *Day Visitors* may attend all Conference sessions upon paying a Conference Fee of \$10 a day, or \$40 for the entire Conference, with the understanding that they will make their own meal arrangements. *Conference Residents* have a choice of paying for the entire Conference or on a per day basis.

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The entire *Conference "package"* costs \$395 plus \$40 Conference Fee (\$435 total), which includes room for eight nights and most meals (including festive Dinner on Sunday and gala Banquet on Friday). *Per day costs* are \$10 Conference Fee (up to \$40), \$30 per person for room, \$20 for the Sunday Dinner, and \$40 for the Friday Banquet. Other meals may be paid for at the Conference pro rata. Each bedroom is a single room sharing an apartment with one or two others — except for a limited number of private suites being held for married couples. The Dinner and Banquet prices apply as well to non-resident Day Visitors who wish to attend these affairs.

Those who would like to stay on campus must reserve a room — and pay in full — no later than May 31. *Room reservations after May 31 will not be accepted unless accompanied by a \$75 surcharge.* Until May 31, room reservations will be accepted and secured by a \$50 deposit per person. Those paying for the Conference Package by April 15 may send \$415 instead of \$435. (Refunds after April 15 will not include the \$50 minimum fee. This rather strict policy is necessitated in turn by the policy of the University.) Those wishing to prolong their stay at the University at either end of the Conference may sleep at the University for \$30 a night (all meals being extra). Further information on the Conference may be obtained by mail from the Council, or by telephone from Council Secretary Mark Sullivan (212-889-8020) or Conference Coordinator George Collins (215-922-4278).

This once-in-a-lifetime Sesquicentennial Conference promises to be quite an exciting affair, with visitors from far-flung corners of the globe, from England to Australia — as well as from New England to California. The 1990 Conference of the Council is expected to be held in New Mexico, coordinated with that of the Intermountain Single Tax Association. The next International Union Conference is planned for 1991, with the host country to be decided upon at the Philadelphia Conference.

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