

**FORCES...AND FORKS** (continued)

to be excluded from participation in the economic life of the country.

Bob Clancy was the last speaker with a talk on "The Awakening of the Third World." The Third World is a place, said Mr. Clancy, where elites run the whole show in order to put ill-gotten millions of dollars into Swiss bank accounts and New York real estate. In Ethiopia, the elite looked on with contempt on famine victims - victims of a deliberate policy that had exiled them to the poorest land in the country. There are no poor countries, as such, but rather there are poor people. One African HGI student reports that many in his country don't even make \$100 a year! Many, uprooted from the land, live in urban slums. Africans need Georgist policies which are in line with their own traditions, not Western aid and religions that attempt to force Africans to "be like us."

Each presentation was followed by a question-and-answer period, which included several thoughtful and insightful comments. The gala affair was also the occasion to announce the results of this year's annual election to the HGI Board of Directors. Elected for the 1990-93 term were incumbents Robert Clancy and Sydney Mayers, Neva Bianco, and Mark Sullivan.



Dr. Ermina Osoba, Resident Tutor of the University of the West Indies Centre, Antigua, and library assistant Jacqueline Mussington, receive a complete set of the works of Henry George, and the School's American Heritage videotape, from HGS Executive Director George Collins on June 11th, 1990.

**WILLIAM O. RANKY**

News was received at press time that William O. Ranky passed away in his sleep during the night of June 30/July 1. Mr. Ranky was a member of the Board of the Henry George School in Chicago. He was born in Hungary, September 29, 1905. Besides his wife Klara, he leaves behind a brother in Budapest and a nephew in London. - *The Illinois Georgist*

**LEONARD NITZ**

It is with great sadness that the Sacramento Branch reports the death, on May 26, of their long-time active member, Leonard Nitz.

Len taught classes in Chicago before he was married, and continued for most of his active life. He and his wife, Maxine, served on the first board of directors when the Sacramento school was established.

An engineer by profession, Len was a man of many talents. He built his family's home outside Chicago, kept the family cars running. Len and Maxine raised six children. They were always supportive of their children's activities and took great pride in their achievements. In his later years Len found much joy in his grandchildren.

Len had a wonderfully positive attitude as shown by the following incident told by Evelyn Friend. "On the way home from a frustrating class, Len said, Sometimes people say things like: How can you keep doing this with all the hassle? But, you know, I don't think of it like that. I enjoy it. It's fun."

We miss you, Len.

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**LINDA NEAL JOINS L.A. BOARD**

On July 16th, a new member of the board of the Southern California School will be welcomed and take office. Linda Neal is a young accounting manager for a private airline (which has about thirty aircraft). Ms. Neal is a graduate and teacher of the School's Classical Analysis course.

Other members of the LA-HGS board are: high school teacher Bret Barker, assessor Ted Gwartney, patent lawyer Dave O'Brien, CPA Ray Kornfeld, high school teacher Tom Rosenstein, and physicist John Wiggins. Officers of the board are: Chairman Margil Wadley, chief of labs of the air quality management district; Vice Chairman Chuck Haughey (pronounced "Hoy"), patent lawyer; and Secretary-Treasurer Frank Tilton, financial planner.

**HENRY GEORGE SCHOOL & ROBERT SCHALKENBACH FOUNDATION SPONSOR SYMPOSIUM ON SOVIET ECONOMY**

*Inspired by the dramatic political changes that have taken place in the Soviet Union and responding to the need for guidance in constructing a truly "free market" economic system, twelve noted economists, appraisers and legal experts are scheduled to present papers focusing on "Concepts and Procedures for Social Collection of Rent in the Soviet Union" at a land value tax symposium on August 22nd, 23rd, and 24th in New York City. Co-sponsored by the Henry George School and the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation, and organized by Fred Harrison, Editor of Land & Liberty, and Nicolaus Tideman, Professor of Economics at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, the symposium will bring together, in closed working session, Georgist and non-Georgist thinkers.*

*The papers are intended to outline methodologies for avoiding the private usurpation of land rent which has distorted Western economies. They include Moral and Efficiency Arguments for the Social Collection of Rent, by Prof. Mason Gaffney, Univ. of California; Principles for Collection of Rent from Exhaustible Natural Resources, by Prof. Anthony Clunies-Ross, Univ. of Strathclyde, Scotland; When Should Government Entities Be Charged Rent for the Land They Hold, by Alexander Meyendorff, Moscow, USSR; and A Simple and Practical Protocol for Assigning Rental Value to Land, by Ted Gwartney, Appraiser, Orange County, California.*

*Among the discussants for various papers are: Prof. C. Lowell Harriss, Emeritus Columbia University, and President of Robert Schalkenbach Foundation; Dr. Gene Wunderlich, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture; Prof. Dick Netzer, New York University; and Prof. Robert Dorfman, Harvard University. Four Soviet economists, plus one from Czechoslovakia, and Dr. Karoly Ravasz of Hungary, Vice-President of the International Union for Land Value Taxation and Free Trade, have been specially invited to the symposium. The papers from the symposium are expected to be published and made available to the public.*