

Directors and Trustees Meet

It should be noted that not all of the conferees at the Conference on the Property Tax were able to take the bus ride through urban and suburban Toronto. While the tour was in progress, the directors of the various Henry George Schools met with Arnold A. Weinstein, Lancaster M. Greene, and Mitchell S. Lurio, trustees of the Henry George School in New York. Progress reports were given by the directors, and a discussion was had of future plans and prospects.

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In France they say (in French, of course) that "the more it changes, the more it remains the same." Thus it shall be with the Henry George News. With this issue, new hands commence to wield the blue pencil, so perhaps some slight change in style will become evident. However, there certainly will remain the same basic policy and platform: an effort to present a viewpoint reflecting the philosophy and principles which are the School's *raison d'être*.

HGN will continue to bring its readers "news and views." The news will concern the School and Georgist activities everywhere. The views will interpret the world's happenings in the light of an up-to-date application of George's works. Planned for coming issues are articles about noted Georgist organizations, profiles of eminent Georgists, and in-depth essays by outstanding economists, social students, and educators.

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The Conference: An Editorial

Hopefully the 1973 Conference on the Property Tax, to which most of these columns are devoted, will be more than a pleasant memory. Conferences and conventions (be they commercial or academic) often tend to wind up as primarily social events, but an air of serious purpose seemed to prevail at the Toronto meeting. This in no way is intended to decry the convivial aspects of the program; it's great to gather with friends to dine, and chat, and see the sights. But there should be a more productive conclusion than that "a good time was had by all."

Every so often there comes a time particularly propitious for the spreading of Georgist principles. George's own day was such a time; the depression period of the 1930's was another. While any time is a good time to disseminate "the central truth," can there be any doubt that *today* is especially favorable? The peoples of the world are confused and frightened, worriedly seeking solutions to their economic and social problems. Inflation makes a mockery of money — high prices prevent the satisfaction of even simple desires — mounting land values and rents condemn millions to dwelling in slums — increased taxation takes an ever bigger bite from wages. And with it all, revenue-hungry governments devise new taxes in frantic efforts to stave off bankruptcy.

The point seems very clear. The time is ripe and the soil is fertile. Let the Conference inspire renewed endeavors. Let us take advantage of a unique opportunity.

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