1974 School Conference

Though as usual it will take place in mid-summer, preparations for the 1974 Conference of the Henry George Schools of Social Science are already in work. Specific details regarding the Conference will be published as they develop, and invitations will be distributed well in advance, so that all who expect to attend will have sufficient time to make all necessary arrangements.

Acting Director Stanley Rubenstein has informally announced that the Conference is to be held in California, under the aegis of the Henry George Schools of California. Harry Pollard, president of the Los Angeles Henry George School, together with his associates on the West Coast, is busily engaged in developing the theme of the Conference, working out agendas and schedules, setting up registration facilities, appointing committees, and generally taking care of the thousand-and-one incidental elements involved in the logistics required for the annual get-together.

With the caveat that they are currently indefinite and subject to change, Mr. Pollard has divulged some preliminary plans for the Conference. It will be designated a "Conference of Inquiry," aimed not at finding answers and solutions, but at clarifying questions and problems. It is scheduled to be held over a seven-day period during the early part of July. The locale in prospect is Santa Barbara, close to the UCSB campus. Hotel accommodations, including meals, will be available at the Conference site at moderate cost.

The Conference progrApm will provide for meetings, the presentation of papers, panel discussions, seminars, and other events. In addition to talks by people associated with the Henry George Schools, it is anticipated that a number of guest speakers will address the conferees. The president of the Henry George School and members of its board of trustees will meet with the directors of various extensions and associate schools, to receive reports, discuss the past year's activities, and plan for the future. It should be a fine Conference!

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New Semester Begins

The New York Henry George School has scheduled a series of classes for the coming term, commencing the week of February 4, 1974. An announcement by Stanley Rubenstein, acting director, discloses that seven separate classes have been arranged, which will include advanced courses as well as those devoted to Fundamental Economics. The classes for the basic course in Fundamental Economics will be held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, from 7 to 9 o'clock in the evening. "Money and Banking" will be given on Tuesday, "Seminar in Political Economy" on Wednesday, and "History of Economic Thought" on Thursday, all from 7 to 9 P.M., plus an additional "Seminar" on Wednesday from 1 to 3 P.M.

A West German Quote

A note from Noah D. Alper, of St. Louis, sent with his best wishes (which are heartily reciprocated), encloses this excerpt from the December, 1973, issue of *Architecture Plus*: Hans Jochen Vogel, West Germany's Minister of Town Planning, pointed out that real estate values in his country have increased by roughly 650 billion DM since 1950, and that "the profits on half of this fall practically tax free into the laps of a small number of large real estate owners without their having to make any effort. This state of affairs," Vogel said in advocating drastic reform of land ownership laws, "is a mockery of all those who have to earn their living by hard work."

The Best of Titles

It is obvious that the bare land with its contents and the waters that flow through and about it constitute the nature-provided environment of human beings and are rightly the subject of their equal claims. Also that the value for use of these natural resources is conditioned on population. . . . This value, therefore, should, by the best of titles, be retained by the community as its most excellent source of public revenue. *(So says H.J. Davenport, Professor of Economics, Cornell University.)*