School Notes

PHILADELPHIA

WINTER LINE-UP AND GRADUATION

The Winter '87 school semester at the Birthplace begins with classes and seminars on Tuesday, January 27. Fundamental Economics will be offered Tuesday, 6-8 p.m., and Wednesday and Thursdays, 7-9 p.m. Applied Economics is scheduled for Wednesday evenings from 6-8 p.m., with Great Decisions '87 on Thursday, from 7-9 p.m. Jacob B. Himmelstein will speak on "The Federal Tax Reform and You" on January 31st as part of a series of Saturday Seminars offered by the School.

Thirty-five students and guests attended the Fall term graduation at the Birthplace on December 6th. Thirty-four students completed courses and received certificates in Fundamental Economics, Economic Science, and Great Decisions. Five of the Economic Science students completed the three-part Principles of Political Economy and received certificates for that program. Graduation speaker Sister Cecilia R. Wilson, an H.G.S. graduate of Principles of Political Economy, recounted her experiences and observations with politics, economics and social conditions during a one-year internship in St. Croix, Virgin Islands, in preparation for professional church work.

DELAWARE

Smyrna Prison was the location for another graduation on December 19. Mike Curtis conducted the Smyrna program and graduated 13 Fundamental Economics and 4 Economic Science students there. Curtis taught in conjunction with the Philadelphia School. Other teachers at the School this past semester included Jacob Himmelstein, Richard Biddle, Edward Dodson, Alfonse Bayo and George Collins.

SACRAMENTO

The Sacramento School recently organized a speaker dinner at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Sacramento. Reverend Jean M. Shawn, associate pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, spoke on "A Report from Nicaragua." The well-attended report was followed by a happy hour and, of course, lots of spaghetti.

LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles Director Harry Pollard reports that over 80 modular speeches have been delivered this past year by members of his school. The most popular was "The Case for Free Trade," based on his pamphlet by the same name.

The December 5th dinner and round table discussion sponsored by the LA Alumni Group featured Bill Filante, recently elected to his fifth term as Marin County Assemblyman. At the Los Angeles Press Club, Bill spoke before a lively group on political strategy— ". . . The Only Game in Town."