

SCHOOL NOTES

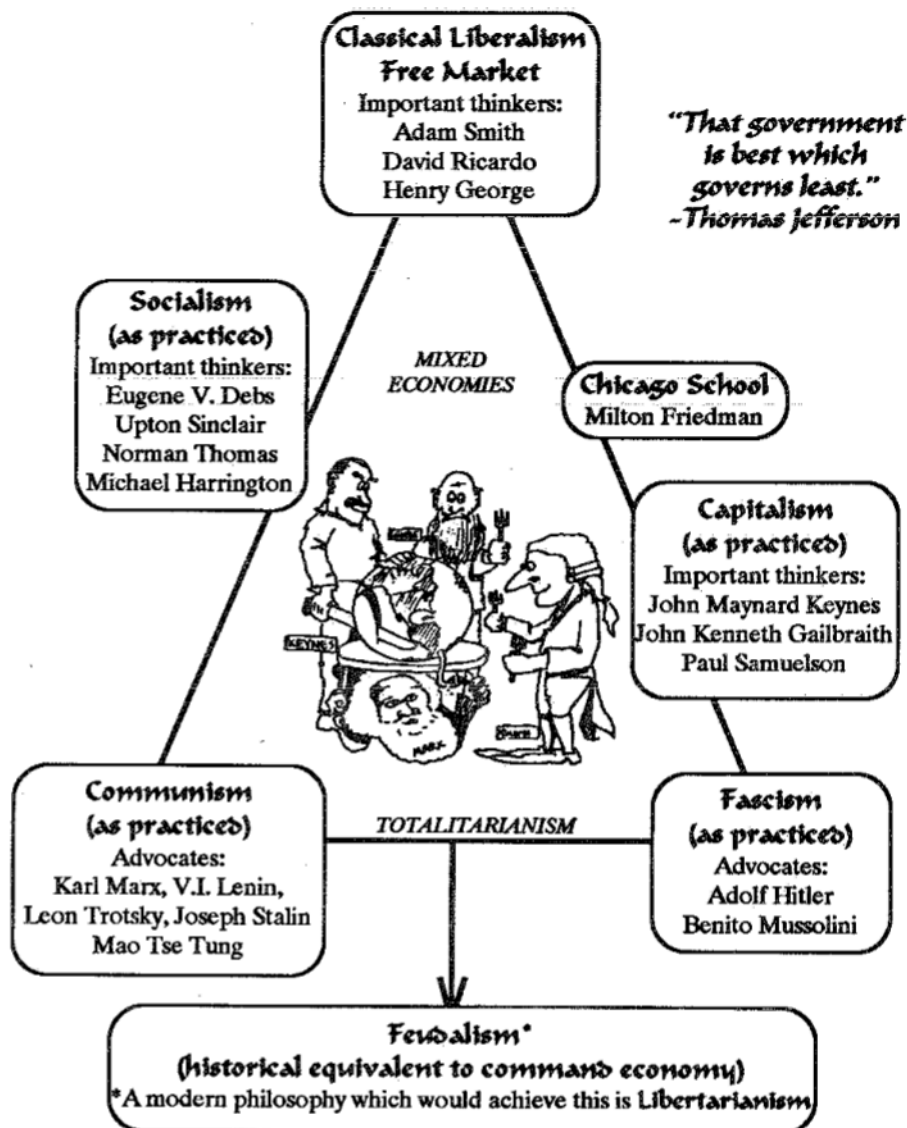
New York: Two new courses are being offered. *A Philosophy of Life* revives the course based on the ideas of School founder Oscar Geiger and developed by Robert Clancy (see Editor's Notes). The text is Mr. Clancy's work on Geiger, *A Seed Was Sown*. School director George Collins will teach the course this semester on Thursday evenings. *Liberty and the Just Society* was developed at the Philadelphia School by HGS president Edward J. Dodson (see our front page). This course takes an historical approach to issues of liberty, property, democracy and the ages-old struggle against tyranny and privilege. Mark Sullivan will teach the course this semester on Monday evenings. Both courses are for those who have completed at least one fundamental course in political economy at the School.

Chicago: Classes in *Fundamental Economics* using *Progress and Poverty* begin the week of January 6th. This basic course is offered Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 2:30 and 7 PM. Each section meets for ten weeks and is taught by School president Sam Venturella.

A new improved look was given to *The Illinois Georgist* with its Winter '92 issue (Vol. 4, No. 1) in a format similar to this newsletter's. Included in this issue are short articles on the School's new location, the '91 and '92 Georgist conferences, Chicago's Henry George Day celebration, "Odds & Ends" by Sam Venturella, and "An Equitable Solution" by John L. Kelly, first printed in Peoria's *The Community Word*.

In addition to their own efforts, the School received even more publicity, and in a major way. The Sunday, January 12th issue of the *Chicago Sun-Times* featured an article on the School by urban affairs writer Alf Siewers. Full coverage of this story will follow in our next Newsletter.

A Model of Political-Economic Systems



We've added a few embellishments to this diagram developed for high schoolers by Bret Barker of the Los Angeles HGS. The center figures are, counterclockwise from the bottom: Marx, Keynes, George, and Smith (Adam, not Jeff). You may find it curious to see Libertarianism as a form of Feudalism. But think of it, what would happen if all land and all government functions were to be privatized?

Prof. William Vickrey Assumes Post as American Economics Association President

William Vickrey, "a grand old man of public finance whose avant-garde ideas have influenced economists since the late 1930's," according to *The New York Times* (Jan. 4, 1992) has just taken office as new president of the American Economics Association, which boasts 20,000 members. Readers of this Newsletter will remember that Prof. Vickrey co-authored with Prof. Nic Tideman an "Open Letter to Mikhail Gorbachev" on the social collection of land rent last year. The letter



was signed by many economists including some Nobel Prize winners. As reported in previous HG Newsletters, Prof. Vickrey has attended Georgist conferences and functions in the past, including Henry George Institute dinners and a recent seminar on urban transportation which he led at the New York School. The Henry George School congratulates Dr. Vickrey, shown here at a 1990 Georgist symposium with Soviet economists. We wish him lots of success in his new office.