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### THE STORY OF THE HENRY GEORGE INSTITUTE

This is the first issue of HGI JOURNAL, organ of the Henry George Institute.

In February of this year the Henry George Institute was incorporated not for profit under the laws of the State of New York, its formation having been approved by the Commissioner of Education. Its aims and purpose are primarily to foster, promulgate and promote the economic principles and the social philosophy of Henry George, America's foremost economist.

Why the Institute was brought into being at this time must be evident to those who sadly observe the declining state of this country's and the world's economy, and recognize the need for energetically striving to reveal a logical and valid remedy for the prevailing ills - chief among them, of course, being the problem of poverty.

Those who have organized HGI propose to pursue every possible avenue toward the accomplishment of its aims, most of them having spent many years in the movement to publicize Georgist principles and to educate the public in the social benefits to be enjoyed through their widespread application. Their heartfelt hope is that they will be joined by many others who as members and supporters of HGI will help to disseminate the great message.

(See back page for further news of HGI.)

## PROGRESS OF THE INSTITUTE

The first annual meeting of the Henry George Institute was held June 24 at Freedom House in New York, attended by 33 members who heard reports of progress and joined in plans for the future.

Members of the Board of Directors addressed the meeting. Robert Clancy spoke on the aims and goals of the Institute. Laurence Kobak told of a successful class in Progress and Poverty in Jackson Heights, organized by distributing circulars in the street; and he said more classes are planned in the Fall. William Camargo reported on the Institute's first dinner meeting held June 4, attended by 39 persons and addressed by Bradford Lyttle of the War Tax Resisters, and Abraham Ellis, author of The Social Security Fraud.

Mario Cordero, who has moved to Washington, told of contacts he has made with persons and groups there, including Ralph Nader's Public Interest Research Group. Gilbert Herman outlined plans for revision of the manual, The Application of Land Value Taxation. Bolivar Rodriguez gave a report on the progress of work in the Spanish language, with lessons being translated and classes planned.

Joseph Jespersen gave a Treasurer's report, announcing that nearly 100 persons have become members. (It is now over 100.) Sydney Mayers reviewed HGI's organizational status and expressed his views on the timeliness of the Institute.

(The above eight Directors were members of the Board at the time of the meeting. Since then, Dorothy Sara has become the ninth Director.)

Clyde Reeves, Professor of Speech at Monmouth College, was present and outlined a plan for a speech contest among high school students based on the Georgist philosophy. His plan was endorsed and is proceeding under the sponsorship of the Institute.

The importance of wide participation by members was stressed, as everybody is working as a volunteer.

The first general election will be held in 1972.

(For information about joining, contact the Henry George Institute, Room 462-A, 55 West 42nd Street, New York, N.Y. 10036.)