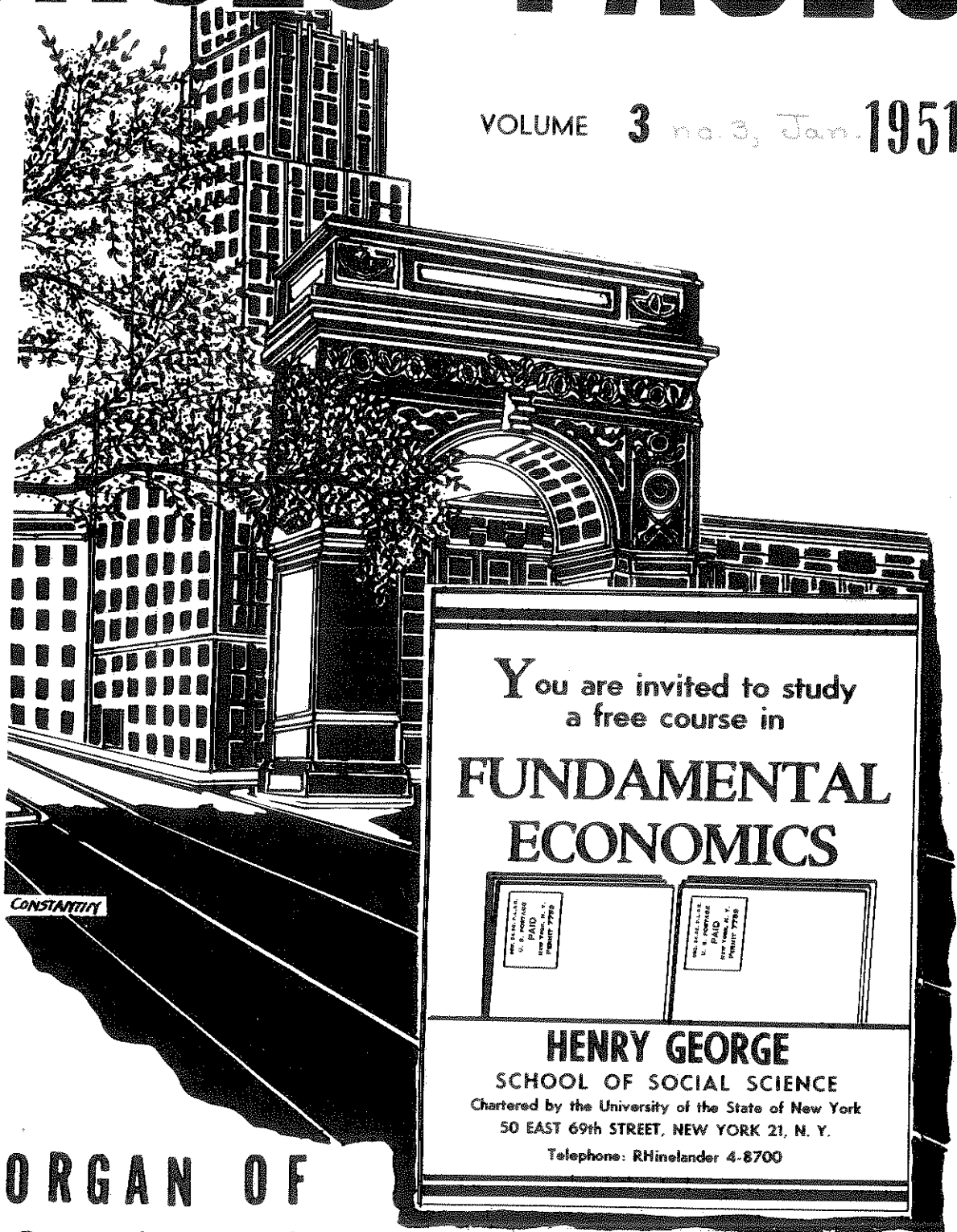


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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

May the New Year for each of you be one of faith, courage, and promise, as we valiantly strive to dissipate the economic ignorance which has brought world conditions to such an ominous state. Let us not despair for man's extremity is Truth's opportunity - our opportunity

Let us keep on thinking in a constructive manner, and know with every fiber of our being that the principles which we understand are those which must be acknowledged and implemented by our world society in order to remove error from our midst. We have one of the greatest Truths in the world to teach, so let us not be found lacking, but rather let us pledge ourselves with renewed determination to do everything that each of us can to make the world conscious of the George Philosophy, which is the realistic and practical answer to man's current dilemma.

As SAGE begins its fourth year of activities, in retrospect we can be proud of accomplishments to date. Within that short span and starting from a small nucleus of individuals who felt that organization together with education would hasten the day of universal recognition of the George economic principles, we set in motion the beginnings of what portends to be a mighty force toward the recognition of those principles.

The foundation has been well laid and upon it we have already built impressionable influences. To mention a few: SAGE'S PAGES, Radio Announcements, Movie Presentations, a Speakers Bureau, varied Social Affairs, Literature Distribution, Communications to journalists and educators, formation of SAGE Branches in other cities, Sports activities, etc. These are first steps and of course, they will be extended as our membership grows and all members participate in them to some extent.

Looking to the ensuing year, the following are some matters to be considered for progress, so that the close of '51 will find us more firmly established and with genuine pride in our organization:

1. - Membership increased 100 fold
2. - Committees brought to full and active strength
3. - More varied social affairs
4. - Business meetings reduced from 2 to 1 per month!
5. - Distribution campaigns to bring in 2,000 students
6. - Increase our Speaker's Bureau scope
7. - SAGE Branches in all Extension Schools
8. - Make SAGE'S PAGES a printed periodical, incorporating business members advertisements
9. - The formation of a three or four piece orchestra to perform at minor social functions, lectures and movies.
10. - The formation of a Choral Group
11. - The presentation of skits via radio and television
12. - Regular Radio Announcements of the schools' courses
13. - Increase our personal communications to educators, editors, authors, and public officials.
14. - An Award to the outstanding SAGE member and the outstanding Georgist of the year.
15. - Present the school with a set of drawstring drapes for the auditorium
16. - Hold Graduation Exercise parties at the end of each term
17. - Initiate a "One Day A Week To The Cause" program
18. - The purchase of a movie camera.

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT (Continued)

The above activities are all within our means and ability to perform. They can and will be done if each of us devotes some time and interest to one or more of them, supports us in thought, word and deed, and cooperates unreservedly in all our undertakings.

Remember, it is you, the individual member, who makes up SAGE Inc. It is your organization. It's vitality and service is decidedly contingent upon the degree of service you render and the extent of your participation in its activities. Your officers do guide and spur efforts, but the accomplishments are measured in the aggregate efforts of the entire membership.

We have a great year ahead of us. Let's make it a year of Hope and Realization!

..... George J. Musalino, President

A REMINDER

That the Winter Term Advanced Courses begin the week of January 8th. SAGER'S who have had less than two courses should make it a point to study the other courses, so as to be better qualified to discuss the Georgist principles, decidedly and unflinchingly. The more you know and understand, the surer you are of your ground.

For budding parliamentarians and weak-kneed would-be speakers, we highly recommend the Speaking Course conducted by our Mr. Joseph Rose. You will surprise yourself (as well as others!) at the poise and confidence gained after ten weeks of this stimulating subject, interestingly taught.

The Fundamental Courses, or P&P Courses, start the week of January 15th. We know each of you is doing everything possible to interest friends, relatives, acquaintances and co-workers. Let's open wide the invitation portals to them for a revelation in economics!

..... GJM

EXECUTIVE BOARD CHANGES--

Mr. VALDEMAR HALLGREN has been temporarily appointed Membership Chairman, a post vacated by Mr. Peter Ignatowsky's election to the office of Treasurer.

Miss ROMA BIANCO has been appointed our Bookkeeper, a post vacated by Miss Lydia Kurchin's election to the office of Corresponding Secretary.

OUR NEW COVER

Designed by Constantin P. Lent, the new cover is a depiction of Washington Square Arch, famous New York landmark, which was prominent during Henry George's life. The lower right section reflects a Pocket Poster which graduates of the School distribute to public meeting places and merchants with whom they deal, prior to each term. These posters are an effective means of introducing the fundamental course to the public. Every type of business is a potential site for one of these posters and SAGER'S are "covering the city" with them.

A QUOTATION

No possessions are good, but by the good use we make of them; without which wealth, power, friends, and servants, do but help to make our lives more unhappy.

Sir William Temple

FRE-WINTER DANCE-

Society's grand opening of the Social Season took place in New York City's Henry George Ballroom on the evening of December 2nd!

The smooth rhythms supplied by the music of the prominent Fred Molnar and his Band, were conducive to a remarkable display of terpsichorean talent. The Latin-American tunes of the suave Raymond Rocca were a delight to the ears - especially his sensuous singing of "Amapola", which literally had the walls quaking from the noise of the applause. We were charmed with the performance of Ann Hasserliis who accompanied herself on the guitar. Miss Hasserliis is a professional folk singer whose ease and poise are only exceeded by her exceptionally fine voice.

The vivid hues; Schiaparelli's flowing laces, Chapman's draped taffetas and Balenciaga's off-the-shoulder silks, were but a few hints of the coming Winter fashions! The men, not to be outdone by the ladies, made handsome appearances in their impeccable attire.

The door prize - donated through the generosity of Sidney Blitz - was one of the fashionable Elizabeth Arden's Red Leather Wallet Make-Up Kits. The lucky number, which was picked by our President, George Musalino, belonged to a guest, a member of the Armed Services, whose fortunate companion became the recipient of the Kit (and we always thought George was our best friend!)

The success of this dance was clearly evidenced by the still tapping feet and sighs of disappointment as the Orchestra played its concluding number.

ACES UP

It wasn't the effect of the Atom Bomb which caused Monte Carlo to move to 50 East 69th Street - it was our CARD PARTY which followed the December 10th meeting!

Blood pressure rose and tempers flared when someone trumped his partner's ace - and what colorful language was heard when a Straight was beaten by a Flush! The only casualty suffered was when Joe Rose violently pounded the table and loosened the Star Sapphire from his ring. We are happy to report NO FATALITIES!

Our players and Kibitzers "noshed" on the refreshments which George Kimes' generous donation enabled us to serve.

The enthusiastic response to this affair encouraged us to plan a series of Card Parties for the future.

MISTLETOE, ETC.

With St. Nick playing host to 80 guests, SAGE'S FIRST CHRISTMAS PARTY will go down in the annals of all-time festivities!

Accompanied by George Musalino's mandolin and the alternate piano playing of Val Hallgren and Mildred Allen, our guests "lifted their voices" in a good old-fashioned community sing. Marjorie Dare's bell-clear soprano added a highly-seasoned flavor to Irving Berlin's "White Christmas".

Fred Molnar, our favorite band leader, entertained us with a very dramatic exhibition of Hypnotism. It was quite eerie watching Peter Ignatowsky, who made the best subject, keep his arm stiffly extended and not feel the prick of the pin which was being jabbed into his wrist.

The wonderful Mabel Rees, who expends her unlimited energy in the promotion of Henry George's Philosophy, donated a copy of Anna George DeMille's "Henry George, World Citizen". This book was raffled off, and we gained a tidy sum for our future social fund.

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MISTLETOE, ETC. (Continued)

The Yuletide feeling pervaded the Coffee Shop where we adjourned for refreshments and dancing. Amidst the colorful red and green streamers and balloons, there was an abundant array of canapes, hors d'oeuvres, cold-cuts, salads, cookies, fruit, nuts, candy, liquor and soft drinks to delight the most finicky of epicureans.

The most appropriate comment of the affair was made by one of the guests, who upon his departure, happily stated, "This was such a Christmassy Christmas Party!".

CASTING SHADOWS

January 7th - INSTALLATION BANQUET

5:30 P.M.

January 21st - "YOU NAME IT"

(Following Regular Meeting) 5:30 P.M.

..... Ethel Victoria Shapiro, Chairman

NEW - MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members into SAGE and wish them a long and fruitful association with us:

Regular Members

Mr. Lewis Marks	- Jackson Heights, N.Y.
Miss Kathleen A. Wistrand	- New York City
Miss Grace Orr	- Union City, N.J.
Miss Joan B. Downey	- S. Ozone Park, N.Y.
Mr. Julius Antone	- Flushing, L.I., N.Y.
Miss Dorothy Sara	- New York City
Mr. Frank R. Markey	- New York City
Mr. Harry Spitz	- Brooklyn, N.Y.

Associate Member

Edward Wellen - New Rochelle, N.Y.

..... Peter Ignatowsky, Chairman

PERSONAL GLIMPSES

EDA STITCH, one of our little seen but sincere members, again displayed her support by taking dance tickets and giving them to friends as an introduction to the School. She also came in on a Monday to assist in getting out our large school mailing. We cherish such members. Thank you, Miss Stitch!

DOROTHY SARA, a faculty member of long standing and a Georgist of conviction, has recently become a member of SAGE. We welcome her most heartily and know that her influence will do much to add force to our undertakings.

LEWIS MARKS, another staunch Georgist and faculty member, has added his moral and financial influence to our growing roster. It is good to have you as a SAGER, Mr. Marks.

Among the "old-timers" seen at our Christmas Party were Mr. Rose, Mrs. Silverstein, Mr. Vitzius, Mrs. Doering, Mrs. Nance, Mr. Frew, Mr. Chellis, Miss Dare, Mrs. Rees, Mrs. Swirsky, Mr. Faust, and Miss Richardson. The "regulars" were too numerous to mention!

The "young-timers" included Dr. Rumble, Mr. Gifford, Miss Miranda, Miss Wistrand, Mrs. Rupprecht, Miss Downey, Mr. Molnar, Mr. Kessner, Mr. Walter Faust. Among our guests were Miss Mildred McCrory, Mr. & Mrs. Specht, Miss Diamond, Mr. E. Doering, Mr. Frank Markey and Miss Gertrude Shaw.

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PERSONAL GLIMPSES (Continued)

ETHEL V. SHAPIRO, our "on the ball" Entertainment Chairman, out-did herself on the Christmas Party refreshments. Besides contributing many of the food-stuffs, she prepared and arranged many of the heavy-laden dishes on the buffet tables, which were filled with tempting and artistic tid-bits! No wonder there was a shortage! We appreciate your talents, Ethel.

MYRON KESSNER, our harried but gracious Education Chairman, presented SAGE and the School with a Christmas Tree. It lent much color to our party and provided a festive and decorative appearance to the School foyer. We were right proud of it, Mr. Kessner. Thank you!

MABEL REES, an invaluable SAGER and ardent Georgist, besides contributing financially to the success of the Christmas Party, contributed a book - "Henry George; World Citizen" - which was raffled and won by a guest. The proceeds assisted greatly in defraying expenses. Thank you, Mrs. Rees.

SIDNEY BLITZ, our hard-working Public Relations Chairman, contributed the bottled spirits to the Christmas Party. It was thoroughly appreciated, Sid. Thanks.

VAL HALLGREN; MILDRED ALLEN, and IRVING FAUST taking turns at the piano, George MUSALINO (pardon the small letters, GEORGE!-Ed.) with his mandolin, MARJORIE DARE and all present singing, made the auditorium resound lustily with music and more music! The Georgist principles set to music, with verse composition by Mabel L. Rees, were sung with vigor and feeling. The carols and old-time tunes were brought into vibrant play again as SAGERS and guests made merry. To our musicians, thank you.

FRED MOLNAR, our orchestra leader member, without orchestra, demonstrated the power of auto-suggestion as a party climax. Peter Ignatowsky was an apt subject. A most interesting demonstration, fellows! So --- OUR FIRST CHRISTMAS PARTY WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

GLORIA FINK, our absentee personality girl, is seeking an apartment, we learn, in anticipation of her wedding! No wonder we haven't seen her! We wish her quick success, of course And how about bringing him around for us to meet, Gloria?

MORE PERSONAL GLIMPSES

SIDNEY BLITZ, our erstwhile Public Relations Chairman, and HELEN DOERING, our charming "get-arounder member", announced their engagement at the New Year's Eve party held in the Musalino apartment. We extend to them our sincere wishes for a joyous future.

ROLAND J. NABERT, our newest member, is none other than the treasurer of the previous student group, S.A.S.S. Welcome, Roland, we anticipate good works from you.

MANNY ADLER, the new Office Manager at the School, is one of those individuals who possesses qualities of graciousness and cooperation sufficient to already establish him as a prime staff member. SAGE wishes him a long and harmonious association.

BILL LEON, one of our newest instructor members, was confined to a hospital early in December with an infection contracted in Brazil and we now learn that Bill's leg had to be amputated. Our heartfelt sympathies, Bill. Do get out soon and in good health again. SAGER'S may contact Bill at Mt. Sinai Hospital

100th St. & 5th Ave., N.Y. City
4th Floor - Semi-Private Pavilion

AS THE YEARS PASS BY

Psalm 4-Verse 2 and Psalm 115-Verse 16

"Oh ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame?
The earth hath he given to the children of men"

The little New Year rode the midnight sky
With belief in his future rising high,
Till he caught a glimpse, through a moon-lit cloud,
Of the Old Year leaving earth in his shroud.

"You look weary and wan", the New Year cried,
When their journey had brought them side by side:
"Is the world then such a terrible place
As I see by the anguish in your face?"

"Nay, nay, not the world," said the Old Year, "No",
But it's man himself is his own worst foe,
So I'm passing my message on to you,
My work must go on, though my life is through.

"The glory of God, as the psalmist said,
By misdeeds of men becomes shame instead,
For each is entitled, by right of birth,
To the means of life on his home, the earth.

"Yet nature's bounty you'll everywhere see
Held just by a few, through human decree,
For pleasure or gain, while multitude die
For lack of the plenty there is near by.

"My torch kindles yours", the Old Year then said,
As close past each other they quickly sped, -
"Remember my words as the flame burns clear,
Help end this wrong for A HAPPY NEW YEAR"!

Mabel L. Rees

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS - PLEASE NOTE!

In the immediate future, we will communicate with all of our Associate Members throughout the country, asking them to help publicize the School's Correspondence Courses by placing Pocket Posters (see the cover design and "Our New Cover" on page 2) in their respective libraries. We will ask that each member place at least one; however, if you wish to extend your efforts a little more by having them placed in other public meeting places and in business establishments, it will be fine. This activity is so easy to perform, consumes so very little time, but its effectiveness is so pronounced that we know we shall have the full cooperation of every Associate Member.

This is one form of action which will make everyone of you feel one with us in deed as well as in spirit.

Irving Faust, Chairman

A - P R O V E R B

One pound of learning requires ten pounds of common sense to apply it.

INTERVIEWS WITH THE FACULTY

Dining recently with our Director, Robert Clancy, was a most enjoyable experience and elicited the following.

He's a bachelor, and we might say, one of the town's most eligible. He frankly admits to 36, but not a sign of silver is visible in his black hair nor is there an extra half-inch in the mid-riff section. He seems to retain his boyish slimness easily, but we all know how hard he works, so it's no wonder!

Bob says he "isn't against marriage - maybe - someday"! He would prefer his wife to be endowed with "brains, beauty and money", but believes that a girl like Anne Fox (Henry George's beloved wife) is tops! He is broadminded enough to believe that marriage should be a 50-50 partnership, each following a career.

A veteran Bob served in the Medical Corps of General Patch's 7th Army during the war. He saw service in North Africa, Italy, France and Germany - the whole show from start to finish.

His chief interest, outside of the School, is oil painting. In fact, he aspired to make this field his career and is a life member of the Art Students League. Some months ago he had a small exhibit of his paintings at the School.

He first studied George's Philosophy under Oscar Geiger years ago - took all the courses as a good Georgist should. When he was mustered out of the army he visited the School and much to his own surprise, was shortly after asked to take the Directorship!

Here is a man devoted to this great work, and as such, he is worthy of our loyal support and willing aid. His attitude toward the future of Georgism is stated thus: "If, within 50 years, Georgism is not enacted into Law, it will be an issue, and a major issue, in the national consciousness". Bob believes too, that education is the best method of spreading the knowledge and influence of George's doctrine.

(Next month we shall interview the "grand old gentleman" of the Henry George School - Bennett Challis).

.....By - A. Rambler

SOME INTERESTING ECONOMIC FACTS

Between the years 1934 and 1948 the Department of Agriculture supported price programs in the amount of \$10,370,500,000.00! Basing the dollar as 100 in 1939 the purchasing power of the dollar in January 1950 was 59.9. In October it declined to 57.2. Currently it is 51 and it will continue to decline as taxes and living costs increase.

Still based upon the 1939 dollar, the average real weekly earning as of October 1950 was \$35.46 for an average of 41.4 hours per week as compared to 23.86 for a 37.7 hour week in 1939.

In 1929 there were 596,000 civilian employees on the Federal payroll. At the end of June 1950, there were 2,022,000! As we go into a war economy, who knows what the figure will be? It would be interesting to know how many non-civilians there are, wouldn't it?

In 1939 the total Federal receipts from individual taxes amounted to \$1,029,000,000.00. In 1949 they amounted to \$16,725,000,000.00. Greater amounts are being legislated.

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AS LINCOLN SAID ...

"I hope to stand firm enough not to go backward"

EAST AND WEST MEET

No longer can it be said that "East is East and West is West, but never the twain shall meet". Isolationism for any country is now a thing of the past and no matter how different the culture and mental approach, mutual understanding is vital to the preservation of all mankind.

With events happening so fast it is hard to know whether the general situation grows better or worse from day to day. What is certain is that scarcity and conflict will persist, in varying degrees in changing localities, so long as there are both idle acres and idle men, the outstanding injustice and basic source of trouble in all history.

While the West still has a much higher standard of living than that of the East, the entire world is now faced with inflationary prices and a diminishing quantity of peace-time production. Something warm to wear in Winter, a place to call home and a full rice bowl or loaf of bread must be provided for displaced starving millions.

There is, however, a widespread feeling in Asia, regardless of its destitution, that from whatever source relief comes - Marshall plan or any other - it is not acceptable if better conditions are to be secured only through the sacrifice of newly won autonomy. How far has America been able to make clear to the East that she has no designs on any of its territory and how far is this commendable policy actually supported by certain other nations now winning approval because of their promises for increased welfare?

The ardent desire to have a direct voice in the settlement of their own internal affairs was made evident during the Fall of last year when an International Conference of representatives of some sixteen nations under the auspices of the Institute of Pacific Relations was held at Lucknow, India.

As reported in the press, many of the Western delegates were surprised and nonplussed, particularly those from America, by the hostile criticisms voiced by Eastern members of the Conference of both the United States and other powers on this side of the globe. An article in the New York Times declares; "Having only recently been freed from one kind of imperialism, Asians fear another kind - economic imperialism. What is the use of political independence, they argue, if we are not economically free."

M. L. Rees

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POCKET POSTER DISTRIBUTION

Distribution by members was most gratifying; and up to this writing the distribution of 25,000 announcement cards is going apace by group distribution, poster placement and personal approach. Already returns have been noted and a report of results will be forthcoming in the next issue.

..... Irving Faust

MORE WEDDING BELLS!

PEGGY KEARNS, our lovely and gracious Registrar, and BOB HUFF, our "genius" instructor member, became Mr. and Mrs. on December 23rd. We knew they were "that way" about each other, but didn't expect the surprise "hitch"! We extend to them the heartiest congratulations and a sincere wish that life for them will hold many wonderful and memorable events!

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEETINGS

SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 19TH: - MYRON KESSNER has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Education Committee. He asked the members to tell him of any ideas and suggestions that they might have in order that a definite program along educational lines could be formulated.

ETHEL SHAPIRO announced that a Card Party would be held following the December 10th Meeting and that a Christmas Party was planned for December 17th.

SIDNEY BLITZ repoted that work had begun on the designing of the new Pocket Posters, but after various types of posters had been studied, it was decided that for the time being the same style would be continued but with different lettering. The Committee is also working on a new membership brochure in three colors, which will take about two months to complete.

IRVING FAUST repoted that SAGE is going to be responsible for 5,000 cards to be distributed through posters or other means.

SUGGESTED COURSES

Some courses we would like to be inaugurated in the Henry George School:

1. Currency - Its issuance, controls and minipulations.
2. The Marxist Theory - Its comparative errors.
3. Federal & State Bureaus & Agencies - Their services and costs.
4. How the George principles will be implemented.

LECTURES AND MOVIES

- January 5th: - Henry George III - will speak on "The Biology of Brotherhood" - A 1951 interpretation.
- January 12th: - "The Jockey Club" and "Good Things Happen Over Coffee" Documentary films
- January 19th: - Maurice Leahy - "Personal Memories of Belloc, Chesterton and Shaw" - Men who challenged the 20th Century, also readings from "Saint Joan".
- January 26th: - "The Eternal Gem", Liberia, Africa's only Republic, and "Man Made Canyon" - Films.

Deep Desire is the creative urge that overcomes all obstacles and brings into manifestation our ideal. We always find that which we really seek.

H A P P Y - N E W - Y E A R !

