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It must be the result of Vietnam, Watergate, runaway prices - people are very worried - the response to our invitation to attend our free classes in basic economics is many times what it was in previous years.

Over 60 men and women enrolled in our Cambridge class and 40 attended the first meeting; over 40 enrolled in our Brookline evening class and 29 came to the first meeting; in Bedford 15 enrolled and 11 attended; and in the first afternoon class ever held, 12 enrolled and 9 attended. We remind the absentees with good results.

Enclosed is an announcement of a dinner party and lecture to be held Sunday, November 18th at Valle's Steak House on Route 9 in Newton. John Hewitt is a fine speaker and you'll enjoy hearing him.

A small group meets most Saturday afternoons from one to three or four, talks about many things and has a good time. Come and join us. Phone a day earlier to make sure there'll be a meeting.

The New York School is undertaking an ambitious project under which groups of high school seniors will spend a day at the School, listen to lectures, partake of a luncheon and compete for prizes.

We need teachers. I had to start three classes myself this week but I do expect to be able to turn over one or two to others.

If you teach, you accomplish many things. First you give yourself the most practical kind of public speaking course. Second, you think about how to present each lesson - and that's real self-education. We all have some trepidation when we start to teach, but if you stick to the book and lesson sheets and keep the class on course, with the help of the teacher's manual, the job is easy and exciting. You let the book, PROGRESS AND POVERTY, do the work.

After all we are not professional economists and are not trying to turn out professional economists. Despite years of study, it is questionable that they have anything to offer, judging by their prognostications. To quote from a recent article in the New York Times, "they have missed by shocking margins."

If you would like to try to teach or to prepare to teach, please let us know. We can arrange a special course for prospective teachers. Can you think of any better way of educating yourself on economic matters than actually teaching?

We can use some volunteers who can come in on a regular basis, one or more days a week for two or three hours. Are you available?

"Mike" Lurio