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Celebration Committee

The 100th Anniversary
of the publication of *Progress and Poverty*
1879-1979

and the

140th Anniversary of the Birth of Henry George (1839-1897)

58th Annual Henry George Conference

14th Conference of the International Union

for Land Value Taxation and Free Trade

San Francisco August 20-25, 1979

Report to Sponsoring Organizations

From Terry Newland, Wendell Fitzgerald

Purposes and Aims: The idea for this committee was formed at the 1978 Georgist Conference at Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. The committee was instructed to be the on site coordinator of a national/international conference to be held the week of August 20, 1979 in San Francisco and coordinator/clearing house for other events commemorating the Centennial of Henry George's *Progress and Poverty*. Other guiding instructions were given which we formulate as follows:

- a. Promote the entire Georgist philosophy not just land value tax and property tax reform
- b. Encourage and support attendance by members of other groups and movements and the public at large
- c. Offer numerous talks, workshops, seminars and discussion groups on a wide variety of subjects appropriate for students of political economy as well as the economically untutored.
- d. Present speakers who will attract attention and spark thought and discussion
- e. Stage a newsworthy event so that the media will provide coverage.
- f. Create a context within which Georgists and others can explore and find more efficient means to achieve desired ends
- g. Provide the opportunity for sociability, fun and recreation

To achieve these ends the committee has taken the following steps and laid the following plans:

I. The COMMITTEE has met several times, chosen a name, solicited the help of honorary co-chairmen (and women) whose names appear on the letterhead,

*To those who, seeing the vice and misery that spring from
the unequal distribution of wealth and privilege,
feel the possibility of a higher social state
and would strive for its attainment.*

—Dedication from *Progress and Poverty* by Henry George

prepared a letterhead and stationery, opened a checking account, instituted an accounting procedure and received funds from sponsoring organizations.

The following funds have been received:

Schalkenbach Foundation	\$1000
Henry George School of New York	1000
Henry George Foundation	500

In addition the Henry George Institute has pledged \$250. LEAF is paying the salary of Terry Newland and instructed him to spend up to two-thirds of his time on Committee business and to spend an appropriate amount of a \$300 monthly operating budget toward the same end.

To date approximately \$250 has been spent on printing, design and layout work for stationery and advertising material.

II. SUBCOMMITTEES have been formed subject to change as circumstances require as follows:

1. Special events
2. Accommodations
3. Registration
4. Host Committee
5. Media
6. Program
7. Banquet and luncheons
8. Advertising
9. Outside participation and booths
10. Theme

III. ACCOMMODATIONS have been arranged for at the Jack Tar Hotel in San Francisco. This hotel is located convenient to all that San Francisco has to offer and is not in the heart of the downtown area.

Rooms and room rates have been contracted for at \$37 for singles per night and \$44 for doubles. These rates are only \$2 above the cheapest the Committee could find in any of the even remotely appropriate hotels.

The hotel has agreed to provide all the meeting rooms we will need for the conference for free if we take an average of 75 rooms per night throughout the week. If we take 100 per night the hotel will furnish one free suite and over 150 per night two free suites to be used as we see fit for accommodating guests and VIPs etc. The Committee is informed that the Jack Tar will be completely remodeled and refurbished by August 1979.

For the price guests will be getting access to the hotel swimming pool, the conference, and good location vis-a-vis the City. All others will be charged \$25 for the whole conference or \$5 per day.

The cost of accommodations is much higher than previous

conferences and the Committee feels that people will come and stay because of the occasion, the program, lowering air fares and a room rate which is now fixed.

IV. PROGRAM plans for six and one-half days of activities have been roughly blocked out. Within that time there are 46 ninety minute spaces for program and speakers. The Committee plans to run several programs consecutively each day so that the program can have as much variety and appeal as possible.

The committee has made plans subject to change and added input for the following:

A. Special events

1. Civic luncheon at the Sheraton Palace Garden Court on Wednesday Aug. 22.
2. Open air rally with speakers in Union Square on Saturday Aug. 25
3. No host reception at the Jack Tar Hotel Thursday evening Aug. 23
4. Presentation at the San Francisco library, Friday evening Aug. 24
5. Dinner Banquet Saturday evening Aug. 25
6. Morning services at Unitarian Church near the hotel Sunday morning Aug. 26

B. Workshops

1. Land monopoly
2. Taxation
3. Money and banking
4. Patents, tariffs, subsidies, licenses and franchises
5. History of land tenures
6. Interest examined
7. Progress and Poverty; Its Message
8. Nature of privilege
9. History of Georgism
10. Sexism, racism, ageism
11. International experience with Georgist principles
12. Marketing Georgist ideas
13. Public relations and media
14. Utopian, New Age Politics, Libertarians, Socialists, Communists, Louis Kelso, and other alternatives
15. Debates among the above
16. Religion and economic justice
17. Georgist films
18. Bakke decision
19. Free trade
20. American Indians
21. Ecology
22. World hunger
23. Water districts
24. Making the world work
25. Ireland

C. Speakers

1. Robert DeFremery - money and banking
2. Robert Tideman - Ireland
3. Terry Newland - New Economic Order
4. David Hapgood

5. Harlan Trott
6. Perry Prentice
7. Senator Albert Rodda
8. Mayor George Moscone
9. Senator Alan Cranston
10. Senator S.I. Hayakawa
11. Murray Rothbard
12. Frances Moore Lappe
13. Polly Roberts
14. Agnes de Mille
15. S.R. Sarkar - PROUT
16. Tom Hayden
17. John Maher
18. Jane Fonda
19. President Portillo of Mexico
20. Ralph Nader
21. Allen Hayward
22. Assemblyman Willie Brown
23. Governor Jerry Brown
24. Michael Harrington
25. Jarvis/Gann
26. Mason Gaffney
27. C. Lowell Harriss

V. MEALS will be the responsibility of individuals for the most part. There are adequate restaurants within easy walking distance of the hotel. There are several meals planned as part of the program (one breakfast, two lunches and one dinner) for which conferees will have to pay extra. Each morning before commencement of activities coffee and donuts will be made available for conferees on the mezzanine.

VI. MEETINGS of the sponsoring organizations are scheduled one per day between 4:30-6 P.M.

VII. ENTERTAINMENT AND FREE TIME - Out of the week three evenings are scheduled with events. Lunch periods will last 1½ hours and each day's program will start at 10:30. No totally free days or afternoons have been planned on the theory that people can take off and make free time for themselves when they want to.

A Georgist play is planned for the Banquet on Saturday and there will be a festival on Saturday afternoon with other groups invited to occupy booths and present their thing. A charge will be made for the booths.

San Francisco offers a wide variety of entertainment, sight-seeing and excursion opportunities. Information pertaining to same will be available to conferees.

VIII. LIBRARY PROJECT - See the enclosed outline for plans for a project to get centennial posters and Henry George's works into libraries across the country. Funding has been requested from the Schalkenbach Foundation. Increased funding would allow the project to be expanded to all libraries in the country.

IX. MAIL OUT of information and request suggestions, participation and donations will be accomplished shortly after this report is prepared. See the enclosed material.

X. MEDIA - Plans will be developed.

XI. ESSAY CONTEST for junior and senior high school students on the subject of Henry George is in the planning stage and a proposal will be forthcoming.

XII. CLERGY - a project to inform and involve the nation's clergy in the Centennial is in the planning stages.

Please let the Committee know if you have any questions and thank you for your generous support of this joint effort. The Committee plans to have the conference make money so that your seed money and then some can be returned.

Sincerely,

Terry Newland
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