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## GEORGISTS GEAR UP FOR NATIONAL CONFERENCE

June 30th is around the corner and that means its time for the 1978 Joint Georgist Conference. The conference runs from June 30th through July 4th and will be held this year at Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

Bryn Mawr College is located approximately eleven miles west of Philadelphia. The 112-acre campus is set amidst rolling lawns and spacious shade trees with buildings in both modern and Collegiate Gothic architectural styles. The combination of academic tranquility, suburban convenience and metropolitan diversions creates the atmosphere that made Bryn

Mawr an easy choice for this year's Conference.

The Conference will begin on June 30th with dinner being served but no official program that evening. Dr. Steven Cord, President of the Henry George Foundation of America and Professor at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, will give the welcoming speech to all conference participants on Saturday July 1st. The new LEAF film, "For The Land Is Mine," will also be shown on the 1st followed by a discussion led by LEAF Chairman Floyd Morrow.

Numerous other speakers, panel discussions, and presentations are scheduled throughout

the four-day event including LEAFers Nadine Stoner, Louis Weitzman, Bob Clancy, Harry Pollard and Bill Filante. Organizational meetings will be held on July 2nd and reports from various Georgist organizations will be heard on July 3rd.

Conference directors report that tours to historic areas and sites in and around Philadelphia can be arranged on Sunday, July 2nd. And on July 4th, a visit to Henry George's birthplace is planned.

The annual banquet will be held on July 3rd. Tickets for the banquet alone are available

at a cost of \$8.50 per person. Benjamin Howells, Councilman from Allentown, Pennsylvania will be the guest speaker.

The Conference will officially end on July 4th but those of you wishing to spend an extra night at Bryn Mawr can arrange to do so through the Conference directors.

Details for the conference should have been mailed to all LEAF members by now. A tentative schedule of events and a rate schedule is included in this issue for your information. It's not too late to register but act now. Hope to see as many LEAFers as possible this summer in Philadelphia.

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

by Terry Newland

In forthcoming issues of the New Leaf, my office will be informing LEAF's membership about our current activities, upcoming projects, and the general progress of the Land Value Taxation movement.

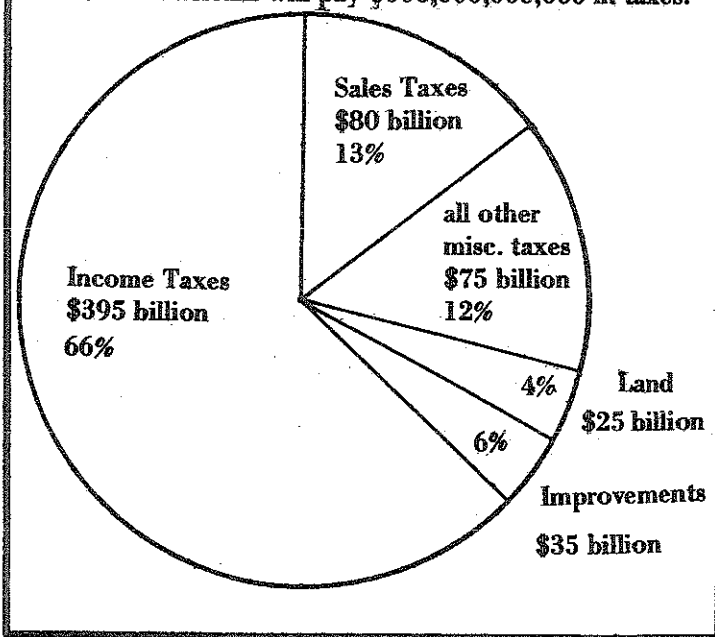
LEAF national is pleased to announce that two more LEAF Clubs have reached Charter Status (25 active members or more) — the San Francisco Club, headed by Gordon Tucker, and the Sacramento Club, led by Chuck Tulley.

Sacramento LEAFers have completed their petition drive for our *Statewide Petition to End Discrimination in Property Taxation*. Hundreds of signatures were garnered from Sacra-

mento area citizens fed up with high property taxes and the subsidizing of land misuse and speculation. The Initiative drive proved that there is strong voter support for the exemption of improvements and heavier reliance upon land values as a means of distributing the property tax burden more fairly.

LEAF has been conducting meetings with Senator Garamendi who authored a bill (SB 1782) that would exempt business property improvements up to \$5 million for five years. LEAF also has been meeting with directors of the California Tax Reform Association who agree as to the many significant benefits of Land Value Taxation but prefer to work for more politically saleable reforms like making the State income tax more progressive. cont. pg. 4

In 1978 Americans will pay \$600,000,000,000 in taxes.



# CONFERENCE RATES

## & SCHEDULE

The rates for the 1978 Georgist Conference, to be held at Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania from June 30-July 4, 1978, are as follows:

Fee for entire Conference . . . . . \$100 per person  
air-conditioned single room  
w/three meals per day  
(includes banquet on  
July 4th & conference  
fee)

There will be 12 meals served starting with dinner on June 30th and ending with lunch on July 4th. There will be no reimbursement for meals missed.

For those who are not registering for the entire Conference, the rates are as follows:

Conference fee . . . . . \$20 per person  
Banquet on July 4th . . . . . \$8.50 per person  
Air-Conditioned single room  
w/three meals per day . . . . . \$19.50 per person  
per day

Non-air-conditioned  
single room (only  
rented after all air-  
conditioned rooms are  
sold out)  
w/three meals per day . . . . . \$18.00 per person  
per day

Spouse in room  
(extra bed provided)  
w/three meals per day . . . . . \$19.50 per person  
per day

Children under 12 may  
stay in parents  
room free of charge  
(No beds will be provided) . . . . . \$8.00 per day for  
food

Children over 12  
(adult rate) . . . . . \$19.50 per person  
per day

Fill out the form below and mail it with your check payable to the 1978 Joint Georgist Conference to: The Conference Committee, the Henry George School, 50 East 69th Street, New York, New York, 10021.

Name . . . . . Amount of Check . . . . .  
Spouse . . . . . Children under 12 . . . . .  
Children over 12 . . . . .  
Dates Attending Conference . . . . .  
I (we) do (do not) plan to spend June 30th at Bryn Mawr.

### Saturday, July 1

9 a.m. Conference Registration & Check-In  
10 a.m. Welcome: Dr. Steven Cord  
Dick Noyes: "From the Editor's Desk"  
David Hapgood: "American Heritage and Henry George"  
Noon Lunch/Speaker: Robert P. Casey, former Auditor General and State Senator from Pennsylvania  
1:30 p.m. LEAF Film: "For The Land Is Mine" and discussion by Floyd Morrow  
3:15 p.m. Glen Weeks: "Inflation and Its Impact On the Keynesian Wage Model"  
Jubal Lee & Mildred Loomis: Slide presentation  
6 p.m. Dinner  
Evening "A Midsummer Night's Dream" starring George Collins, Director, Henry George School of Philadelphia

### Sunday, July 2

9 a.m. Service/ Reverend Wiley Young  
10 a.m. Organizational meetings  
Noon Lunch  
p.m. Free. Tours can be arranged at Conference to historic sites and places of interest  
6 p.m. Dinner  
Evening Penny Calgan & Mike Curtis: Demonstration Class in Economics  
Organizational meetings

### Monday, July 3

a.m. Perry Prentice, Philip Finkelstein, Walter Rybeck: "Property Tax Reform: Where Do We Stand Today?"  
William Filante, Candidate for Assemblyman, San Rafael California: "In the Political Arena, Can We Afford To Compromise, Can We Afford Not To?"  
Noon Lunch  
p.m. William Newscomb, President, Media Foundation for Land Economics, Inc.: Slide presentation & report  
Nadine Stoner: "Community Action for Tax Reform", slide presentation & report

### Break

Gerry Shaw & Ben Smith: "Another View of Inflation"

Activity reports from Georgist Organizations

7 p.m. Annual Banquet. Guest Speaker: Benjamin Howells, Councilman, Allentown, Pennsylvania

### Tuesday, July 4

a.m. Bob Clancy, Harry Pollard: "One Hundred Years of Progress and Poverty." Discussion & planning for 1979 International Conference in San Francisco  
Noon Lunch  
p.m. Visit to Henry George birthplace, July 4th celebration at Independence Square



William Prince, star of the Academy Award winning movie "Network" is the narrator of the new LEAF film "For The Land Is Mine" which will be shown on July 1st at the 1978 Joint Georgist Conference.

## BRANCH NEWS

### SACRAMENTO

With the help of LEAF leaders Evelyn Friend, Nathalie Munk, and Bob Goodier, the Sacramento Club keeps moving ahead full force and making friends for Land Value Taxation all over the Sacramento area. Pauline Winterbottom arranged for a television debate between Sacramento County Assessor Lynch and Terry Newland. Bob Goodier participated in LEAF's meetings with the State Office of Planning and Research, the California League of Cities, the Department of Finance, and the President's Commission on the Westlands Water District. Evelyn Friend arranged for a showing of "For This Land Is Mine" to the Sacramento Unitarian Church. Those members later listened to a talk by Terry Newland on the religious aspects of land economics. LEAF recently gave LVT presentations

to the Golden Gate University School of Taxation as well as to the Sacramento State University School of Economics where two graduate students are doing research work on LVT as applied to Sacramento.

### CEDAR CITY, UTAH

LEAFers from Cedar City recently voted to support tax proposals developed by the LEAF Steering Committee which will be presented to Governor Matheson's State Tax Revision Committee.

### SAN FRANCISCO

The San Francisco Club held a well attended open house at the home of LEAFer Vivian Halse; Tucker, Tideman, and Filante spoke, followed by a much praised showing of LEAF's new movie. The San Francisco LEAFers helped out at the recent National League of Cities LEAF booth. They

are forming an Assessment Reform Council and planning another open house celebration this summer. Tertius Chandler, another San Francisco area LEAFer, continues writing scores of letters to world leaders and academicians about Henry George and the land value tax theory, with encouraging replies from Gunther Myrdhal and Mayor Koch of New York. San Francisco LEAFer Shirley Bossier met Governor Brown recently and discussed Henry George and Land Value Taxation which Brown was "vaguely familiar with." The Governor promised to read *Progress and Poverty* as soon as time allowed.

### SAN DIEGO

Tom Sherrard, President of the San Diego LEAF chapter, has released to the local press his group's opposition to the controversial Proposition 13.

While lauding the "shock treatment and exercise in democracy," they hit the crucial but less publicized aspects of the measure, notably the cost of land.

Mr. Sherrard said: "If Proposition 13 passes, we expect the inflation of land prices to go out of sight. And, the difficulty of obtaining land to use at reasonable prices is the major cause of inflation, unemployment and our already serious economic problems."

The San Diego LEAF chapter at its meeting May 21, 1978 further concluded that proposition 13 would result in local governmental decisions being removed to distant, less responsive, less responsible state and federal levels; and in the enactment of all kinds of local "non-tax" ways to raise revenues such as fees, licenses, use and service charges.

# NOTICES

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT FROM

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LEAF welcomes back two members who have renewed their memberships in LEAF - Chesley Willis and Philip Shafer from San Diego. And a warm welcome to a new member, also from San Diego, Bill Landry.

A reminder . . . don't let your membership lapse. LEAF needs your membership if it is to continue to be a viable and growing organization. Perhaps it's time for a recruitment drive in your area.

Don't miss David Hapgood's article "The Property Tax Mess" which is featured in the February - March 1978 issue of *Idaho Cities*. The article is a reprint from his new book, *The Average Man Fights Back*. In the article, Hapgood discusses the general state of confusion surrounding the process of taxing property to provide government services. He claims that property taxes can be administered in a sane and fair way. And the task at hand, says Hapgood, is "to untangle the mess and act in a reasonable fashion to correct the inequities."

Another special feature in the article is a brief look at Henry George, the 19th century Ralph Nader of property tax reform.

LEAF is now putting together hearings before the Sonoma and Napa Counties Boards of Supervisors with the help of Senator Dunlap. Another hearing on Land Value Taxation and the 1968 Mills Act is scheduled for early July. The San Francisco City Department of Finance, the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce, the San Francisco Economic Development Council, and many other local organizations are requesting presentations by LEAF on the Land Value Tax question. Should you wish to help educate local authorities and citizens in your area on Land Value Taxation, give a call to either the San Diego office or to me in San Francisco; we have our new movie, copious literature and expert testifiers available.

Senator Albert Rodda (Democrat, Sacramento) has indicated that he will introduce Land Value Taxation legislation

We would like to print news-worthy events and activities of each of our LEAF branches and hope you will send material to Editor, The New Leaf, 2242 Morley Street, San Diego, CA 92111. LEAF members are also encouraged to submit articles for publication.

similar to his 1977 SCA 12, but on a local option basis. LEAF hopes to work closely with Senator Rodda in promoting better understanding of his proposed legislation, as we did for his SCA 12.

President of LEAF, Bill Filante, continues his race for Assemblyman from the Marin

and Southern Sonoma County areas. Should he win we will have a strong, informed and dedicated spokesman for Incentive Taxation in Sacramento. Good luck, Bill.

LEAF's annual meeting will be held in conjunction with the League of California Cities in Anaheim, California in late September . . . more later.

LEAF hopes many of our members will be able to attend the National Georgist Conference in Philadelphia the first week in July.

## Editor's Corner

Mahatma Gandhi once wrote that there were seven sins in the world; wealth without work, pleasure without conscience, knowledge without character, commerce without morality, science without humanity, worship without sacrifice, and politics without principle.

A great deal of what Mahatma Gandhi wrote would become clear to mankind if the earth were recognized as man's common heritage, not something a few could monopolize and charge the rest of man an unconscionable fee for using and enjoying.

### Membership Form

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$60 Yearly             | <input type="checkbox"/> Check Enclosed        |
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