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Utah Member (Continued)

As a result of Mr. Hanson's efforts, Cedar City's Mayor recently locked up San Diego City Councilman Floyd Morrow, to learn more about the North City west undertaking.

This reminds us of a wise phrase from Henry George: "Let no man imagine that he has no influence. Whoever he may be, and wherever he may be placed, the man who thinks becomes a light and a power."

So we salute Cedar City, Utah, and Earl Hanson. May their tribe increase! (And increase they will with the new drive to organize new chapters across the country.)

Help Unearth "Hidden Leaves"

Every here and there are those who hold with us on our principles and objectives. But they are isolated from other friends. Some haven't even heard of any organized effort to forward these principles.

We would like to be put in touch with any such "Hidden Leaves". If you know anyone who fills this description, even partially, please send his or her name and address to the San Diego Headquarters, so we may send some literature.

Chicago LEAF Chapter Incorporates

We recently received a report from Salvatore Venturella, telling of LEAF's Chicago Chapter filing articles of incorporation with the State of Illinois, as a non-profit corporation.

The articles were signed by the five-person Board, consisting of Salvatore Venturella, Mark Lasman, Juan Cruz-Galan, William O. Ranky and Robert Jene.

We are eagerly awaiting news of Mr. Venturella's appearance before the Revenue Committee of the Illinois House.

Sacramento Chapter News

The Sacramento Chapter of LEAF met in the Sumitomo Bank Conference Room on April 27, with Len Nitz presiding. He gave a report on progress of the local committee.

Bob Tideman, National Coordinator, reported on the Directors' meeting, outlined LEAF's purpose, goals and plans for Chapter organization and progress.

It was announced that Assemblyman Eugene Qualco will speak at the next Sacramento chapter meeting, to be held on May 19. He will discuss his bill, AB 1592, which carries the heading, "Property Taxation: State-owned Land." It would provide for an in-lieu payment from the State to each county, from the General Fund.

Henceforth, the Sacramento chapter will meet the third Monday of each month.

Los Angeles Meeting

Friday evening, May 2, members of LEAF organized a chapter in Los Angeles. Bob Tideman told of LEAF's exciting expansion plans.

Los Angeles' interim President is Bill Pereira. Vice-president in charge of Finance is Hy Stewart. Vice-president in charge of public relations is Michelle Greenhill. Mary Radlova is in charge of telephoning. Other members include Henry Greenberger, Martin Kob, Raymond Kornfeld, John Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Waynes, Mr. and Mrs. William Perrier, Harry Pollard (a national Board of Directors member), Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sapiro and Dixie Wood.

San Diego Executive Committee Meets Weekly

The San Diego Chapter has formed an executive committee, headed by President Tom Sherrard, meeting weekly. Other Committee members are: Mel Shapiro, Phil Shafer, Mike Devan, Duane Wolfe, Howard Mason and Nick Lenten.

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Annual Meeting July 4 and 5 in San Diego, at U.C.S.D.

L.E.A.F.'s first annual membership meeting is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, July 4 and 5, on the campus of the University of California, San Diego, in the lovely seaside community of La Jolla.

Among the official business to come before the membership will be the election of needed Directors. Some exciting developments are expected, in line with the stepped-up program of activity (described below).

Be on the lookout for the official invitation. Delegates from across the country are expected. Those from outside the San Diego area will be staying in campus dormitories at modest rates for room and meals. Be sure to reserve the dates!

LEAF Experiencing Growing Pains

At the Board of Directors' meeting in Los Angeles on April 5, an aggressive policy was formulated to recruit new members, and for a stepped-up program of activity nation-wide. Robert Tideman was named National Coordinator, with a projected goal of 30 chapters to organize--with as many as possible by the time of the first annual meeting in San Diego on July 4.

Literature will soon be ready for chapters' use in organizing. A "kit" is being produced. Mr. Tideman will be available, time permitting, to help set up new chapters anywhere that there is sufficient interest. He may be contacted at: F. O. Box 3193, Daly City, Ca. 94015.

LEAF to Become Earth Day Sponsor

When the San Diego chapter of LEAF had a modest display for Earth Day this year, little did we realize that LEAF was to become, on a national level, the official sponsor.

LEAF has been offered this national sponsorship recently by the Coordinating Council for Survival Research and Education, represented by our good friend and theirs, Morgan Harris, of the Los Angeles area.

However, the more we think of the idea of officially sponsoring this event, the better we think of it. LEAF is certainly interested in

preserving the beauty and utility of our natural environment. Only we go one step further: we want to make it, and all the resources it represents, available on an equitable basis to all mankind. But we are equally scrupulous in insisting that each generation act as careful stewards, passing on to the next generation the natural environment and resources, to be used and enjoyed again and again.

We shall welcome suggestions as to how best to take advantage of this opportunity to become national Earth Day sponsor.

Mayor of Utica, New York, Expresses Interest in Land Value Taxation

Dr. Steven Cord, a member of LEAF's Board of Directors, who edits the LEAF-sponsored bulletin, Tax-Free New Towns, recently sent us a letter from Edward A. Hanna, Mayor of the City of Utica, New York, addressed to Jeremiah F. Enright, of Liverpool, New York. We quote:

"I thank you very much for your letter concerning the economic theories of Henry George.

"I was particularly interested in the concept of the land value tax which you outlined. Certainly, the present system of taxation needs re-novation. The outline that you presented was extremely interesting, and I shall look into the georgist position as an alternative to the present policy of property taxation.

"I was also interested by the concept of taxing air rights as well as land value. Both suggestions appear to have merit. The five major benefits that would result from changing to a land value tax system are attractive, and should interest any modern city."

Utah Member Active Locally and in Far-Away Places.

Earl Hanson, of Cedar City, Utah, is a veritable dynamo of activity. He has been teaching a group of local folks, including some civic leaders, fundamental economics, using the book, Progress and Poverty, by Henry George.

Recently he traveled all the way to Needles, California, to address a civic group.

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