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"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."
—Henry George.

"THE great work of the present for every man, and every organization of men, who would improve social conditions, is the work of education."
—Henry George

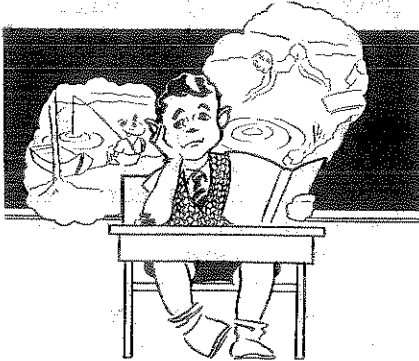
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Fall Term
Opens the
Week of
Sept. 27

The week of Sept. 27 will see the opening of fundamental and continuation classes, from the San Fernando Valley to Westchester, and from Santa Monica to the San Gabriel Valley. Fundamental classes are listed on the enclosed folder. Continuation classes are listed in the column at the right. You will probably be interested in the latter; your friends in the former.

What you can do to help promote students:

(1.) Interest your friends. You can either send their names in to L.A. Headquarters, or contact them yourself - or both. For all names sent in, we send them a class announcement folder, with accompanying letter, mentioning your name (unless you request us not to). Please mail or phone the names in promptly. Thanks! Another good plan is to carry the enclosed folder with you, showing it to anyone you think might be interested. A good "clinch" is to offer to take a friend or friends to the opening session of a basic class. If each person receiving this bulletin would bring one friend to class, we would have several times our total normal enrollment - and from just this one source! Why not try it?

(2.) Place posters. These are available from Headquarters, and may be put up on bulletin boards of churches, organizations, etc., and in neighborhood business establishments. Come in, phone, or write for yours today! Thanks!

Continuation Classes

Two continuation classes will begin the week of Sept. 27th. They are open to all who have completed the fundamental course, or who are familiar with "Progress and Poverty." Locations & starting dates are:

EAGLE ROCK: Sapiro Res., 4561 Round Top Dr.
Tues., Sept. 28, 7:30 p.m. - Six weeks.
Subject: "Tariffs and Subsidies Versus Free Enterprise." - Text: "Protection or Free Trade," by Henry George - \$1.00.
Call CL-6-2320 evenings for directions.

SANTA MONICA: Mitchell Res., 1117-9th St.
Thurs., Sept. 30, 7:30 p.m. - Ten weeks.
Subject: "The Science of Political Economy."
Text: "Science of Political Economy," by Henry George - \$1.50.

The EAGLE ROCK class, besides taking up the pros and cons of the tariff question, in relation to wages, business, international relations, etc., will include an examination of our farm policy, business monopoly, and legislative attempts to regulate prices.

The SANTA MONICA class will take up such things as the origin and meaning of civilization, science and the laws of nature, wealth and the classical economists, value, space and time and their relationship to production (Einstein says George's analysis foreshadowed his formulation of the theory of relativity), money and credit, etc.

You will be richly rewarded for the time spent in these classes. They serve to round out the principles studied in the basic course, and apply them to various current happenings and important questions. You may enroll by attending the first session.

University
Credit for
H.G.S.S.S.
Courses

Morgan Harris, former instructor in the Henry George School, has recently been appointed Dean of the Extension Division of the University for Social Research, 1312 N. Stanley Ave.,
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Freeways Increase Land Values

According to an article in "California Highways and Public Works," August, 1954, land on "frontage roads" along the Santa Ana Freeway increased up to 243% more in value than comparable industrial land on main commercial thoroughfares even a short distance away. In the case of the 30½-acre site on which the new 15-million-dollar Lever Bros. plant has been built, the land increased from \$9,000 per acre in 1949 (when the design for the freeway was known) to \$25,000 per acre in 1954. In one area near Telegraph Road, properties increased from \$7,800 per acre in 1947 to an average of \$25,000 per acre in 1953, with the latest sale in 1954 being \$55,000 for a one-acre site!

Of paramount importance among the reasons given by industrial firms for locating near the freeway was the definite increase in land values it caused. We wonder if anyone ever thought of appropriating some of this increased value to pay the cost of constructing the freeways.

Trends in Taxation

An article in the "Wall Street Journal" of Sept. 1, 1954, stated that due to lagging income from sales taxes, states are looking hard at "property" for increased yields. Although such levies accounted last year for only 3.4% of state revenue, compared with 1/3 thirty years ago, the trend is beginning to reverse itself again, with state tax men finding assessments in many cases based on pre-World War II values, such values failing to take account of either inflation or value increases.

University Credit, Cont'd.

Hollywood. He announces that the University offers a liberal arts program leading to a Bachelor's degree, which may be earned either by evening classes or by correspondence courses. Anyone studying for a degree will be granted college credit for all courses they have completed at the Henry George School.

Magsaysay - Dynamic Philippine Leader

An article in the Sept., 1954, "Reader's Digest," quotes the Philippine Republic's new president, Ramon Magsaysay, on some basic economic issues. He says, for one thing, that overpopulation is not one of their problems, but that unemployment, tied in with the land problem, is. He states that employment could be increased and industry stimulated if native capital were not encouraged to avoid "unfamiliar hazards when you can doze the centuries away with the comparative security and low taxes of landed estates" (underscoring ours).

Ninety percent of the farmers are sharecroppers, with no land of their own, and a shaky arrangement for tilling the landlords' land. This feudal system has lowered their morale, and reduced the Filipino to about the poorest individual rice-producer in the world. To make matters worse, the most powerful legislators are the biggest landowners.

But Magsaysay is out to correct these injustices, and to solve the problem of "landless man" and "manless land." He is seeking a solution. Let's hope he finds it!

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