



Newsletter

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AN APOLOGY

For the lateness of this Newsletter and the July ANALYST. But keep reading and you'll see our reasons are good. Things have been humming with very good vibes. So stay tuned and we'll update you.

SUMMER ROG

Didn't dampen the determination of 20 San Francisco students to study PROGRESS AND POVERTY in 2 classes led by Charles Turner and Terry Agnew. The graduates are: Roy & Patricia Brown; Bob Franklin; Lauri Hodges; Ernest Lira; Pat Marcus; and Earle Twiliver. The Delancey St. Three, Hodges, Marcus & Franklin, then began preparing to lead their own P&P class this fall! Special thanks to law student Charles Turner for taking time from his bar preparation to teach his summer class.

MEANWHILE, AT SUNNY UNION SQUARE

School graduates distributed hundreds of leaflets during July and August, hoping that at least some of the passersby were Bay Area residents rather than tourists! (However, it never hurts to have Davenport, Iowa hear about the single-tax, does it?) As we've increased our literature distribution, we've been writing new leaflets on current economic problems. These seem quite effective. All leaflets conclude with an invitation to contact the School for more information and class announcements.

FALL CLASSES SCHEDULED

The School made plans to offer 9 free classes in Progress and Poverty in the Bay Area this fall. Generously donating 10 weeks' time to lead these classes will be: Mary-Frances Smith, Mike Trigg, Ingo Bischoff, Jim Sherk, Clay Berling, Don Rivenes, Ed Miller, Lauri Hodges, and Marvin Otto. Helping them out as co-leaders will be: Wendell Fitzgerald, Jim Glassford, Bob Franklin, Pat Marcus, Eldon Marwiller, and Hjordis Farnestad.

Several advanced courses are also scheduled, including a new course in Land Reform taught by Cathy Covell. Also, the Science of Political Economy (Sandy Farkas), Fundamentals of Money, 2 classes, (Bob O'Donnell and Al Haldeen) and the Property Tax (Carl Frech).

EDUCATIONAL NOTE

The largest private landholder in California is Southern Pacific RR Co., with c. 2,411,000 acres. Approximate size of San Francisco: 30,000 acres.

NEW COMMUNITY RELATIONS PROJECT

In August the School's Board of Directors voted to inaugurate a program of outreach in the Bay Area. It has long been felt that our ongoing classwork should be supplemented by efforts to inform the community of our programs and to draw attention to the relevance of George's ideas to today's problems.

The Board has named Mr. Terry Agnew as Public Relations Director. Terry should be familiar to Newsletter readers as a teacher, speaker, and initiator of P&P classes at the S.F. Delancey St. Foundation. In addition to continuing his work with Delancey St., Terry is now off and running contacting other groups such as: New Dimensions Foundation, Black Bart, Glide Church, S.F. Lawyer's Club, MENSA, S.F. Consumer Action, the Prisoners Union, AFL-CIO, Theta Seminars, EST, and People's Law School. Additionally, Terry has mailed a summary of Georgist ideas to every candidate for mayor and supervisor in San Francisco. He's also distributing Progress and Poverty and other George books to local bookstores. He's met individually with national figures Tom Hayden, Eugene McCarthy, and Michael Harrington. Terry is now working on a slide presentation for his lectures, and on contacting the local high schools for programs with social studies departments.

We're excited about the innovative approach to education that Terry is bringing about in the School. Over the years many friends have suggested that there are ways to educate other than simply running 10-week P&P classes. In fact, the classwork alone, without some more vigorous and visible community education projects, can become sterile. We couldn't agree more! Already the project seems to producing results, as the office receives more inquiries, visitors, and requests for speakers.

Terry is anxious to work with School graduates on many of these projects. Right now he would welcome help on the slide show, and on preparing other visual materials. He's considering starting up a P&P correspondence course, for prisoners as well as anyone else, and needs people who will help correct the papers when they come piling in. Another way you can help is by simply arranging a speaking engagement anywhere in the Bay Area (or further if they pay the travel). We now have the facilities to talk to any group, virtually any time!

Good luck, Terry, as you start out on this much-needed project. The School is behind you 100%.

MEMBERSHIP NOTE

10 memberships expired in July, and all 10 renewed, with some increasing the level of their pledge. Thanks to these great members in addition, the June fund appeal letter raised \$266 in supplemental funds.

MORE STAFF CHANGES

Office secretary Dorothy Bader was offered several scholarships to return to the University of Michigan, which she did at the end of August. In her place we welcome Mrs. Lucy Kostrikin, a San Francisco resident who brings a great deal of secretarial experience to her job. We've been lucky to find such talented people to do the crucial office work that keeps the entire School running.

The staff has welcomed the continued assistance of office volunteers Joe Husar and Le Moore. Are there more of you out there? Come on down, the coffee's fine!

MACRO-ECONOMIC SEMINARS

were begun this summer by Joe Husar in an attempt to relate academic economic concepts with the Georgist analysis. Participating in these bi-weekly seminars have been: Joe, Ingo Birschhoff, Terry Agnew, Wendell Fitzgerald, Allen Hayward, Brad Burkhardt, Gordon Lisher, and Ward Lemon. Topics discussed so far have included: Opportunity Cost, Stochastic Process, Say's Law, Walras' Law, and Interest. It's hoped that some of their work will be published eventually.

Joe and Terry have also contacted some members of URPE (Union of Radical Political Economists) in attempt to begin a dialogue with these economists.

If you're interested in working on a Georgist model of the entire economy, contact the office (362-7944) or Joe (553-8094)

TWO NEW PRODUCTS

evolved this summer as the result of ideas from School members:

1) Mark Schwler thought up a handy little business card that can be carried by all School graduates and members. When you strike up a conversation about land or taxes, and your listener seems interested, you can conclude by handing him the card as a follow-up. In addition to the School's address and phone number, it carries the notation, "Restore to all people their natural and equal rights to the land." The pretty green cards are 5 for 25¢, so order yours today.

2) We had long dreamed of a Henry George T-shirt, and now we have one, thanks to the efforts of Gordon Lisher. It's top quality white cotton with dark blue letters. On the front a picture of Henry George and "Henry George Lives." On the back in big letters: "Who Owns the Land?" They come in all sizes and cost \$5. (Note: wash in soap only - no detergent or bleach.) They're very effective for public speaking or literature distribution.

BOOK PRICES INCREASE

The Robert Schalkenbach Foundation has notified us of an increase in the prices of the books they publish. The hardback Progress and Poverty is now \$5; the paperback (abridged) P&P is \$3; all other George books are also \$3. The complete list is available from us or the Foundation, 50 E. 60th St., New York 10021.

NEW SCHOOL YEAR STARTS

July 1 marked the beginning of the School's new year.

At the July Annual Conference in San Diego, Northern California School Board members met with trustees of the New York School to discuss goals and budgets. Following these meetings, we were pleased to receive a commitment from the New York School of \$21,040 for our work this year. The Board pledged to spend this money wisely and frugally, supplementing it with as much local funding as possible.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

for the current School year are: Clay Perling, President; Mary-Frances Smith, Treasurer; Robert Roelofsen, Secretary. Also Mike Trigg, Joseph Casey, Carl Frech, Valeria Christiansen, Leo Becker, Juliana Blair, Alfred Haldeen, Allen Hayward, Lu Helmly, Carl Niederer, Maxine Nitz, Robert O'Donnell, Mary Raphael, Ann Reeves, Polly Roberts, Robert Tideman, Charles Turner, and Edward Wachsmann.

Board of Directors meetings are always held on the 3rd Monday of every other month, 7:30 PM at the School office in S.F., and are open to all School members. The next meeting will be November 17.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 - Urban Growth Conference, co-sponsored by the School, at the PSA San Francisco Hotel, Market St. at Civic Center. Panelists include: ABAG's Christopher Hartzell, Chester Hartmann, Hon. Stanley Mosk, Alvin Dushkin, Mason Gaffney, and San Jose Mayor Janet Gray Hayes. \$10 advance registration, \$15 at door, some \$5 scholarships available.

Tues. Nov. 4 - KNBR radio personality Carter B. Smith will wear the Henry George T-shirt and give the School some publicity between 4 and 4:30 PM. (680 on the AM radio dial)

Wed. Nov 5 - Meeting of the Curriculum Committee, 833 Market St. #1009, 7-9 PM. Any member interested in curriculum changes, especially improving the P&P course, should attend.

Sat. Nov 15 - The Land Reform class invites you to join us on a tour of farms in Fresno. We'll visit both small family farms and agribusiness; talk to farmworkers, UFW, etc. Included will be a comparative discussion of the single-tax and other land reform proposals. Tour sponsored by National Land for People and costs \$5. We'd like to travel together, so please contact Cathy Covell (362-7944) right away if you're interested.

Fri. Nov. 21 - Charles MacSwan has responded to Robert Defremery's offer to debate the question of economic depressions under the heading, "Did Economist Henry George Over-Simplify Our Problems?" Howard Johnson's in Mill Valley, 8 PM.

Sun. DEC. 7 - Our big once-a-year annual meeting and banquet, including awarding of the \$500 J. Rupert Mason Medal prize. More details will be sent to you soon, but reserve the date now.

THE FUTURE IS NOW

See you in October!

Cathy Covell, Editor