

HENRY GEORGE INSTITUTE

The Annual Dinner and Meeting of the Henry George Institute was held at the City University Graduate Center, New York, Friday, June 17. Over 50 friends attended.

Robert Clancy, President, announced the results of this year's HGI election. Four members were elected to the Board of Directors for a 3-year term; three were re-elected - George Collins, Steven Cord and Joseph Jespersen - and a new Director was elected, Walter Rybeck. For the 1984 Nominations Committee, the following were elected: two Board members, C. Lois Jessop and Mark A. Sullivan, and three non-Board members, Mathew Dancis, Robert Scrofani and Oscar Johannsen.

Steven Cord presented a Newcomb Incentive Award to John Weaver for his years of devoted service to the Georgist movement. Mr. Weaver, now living in New York, was for many years active in the movement in Pittsburgh, and among his activities there was a long-lived radio forum. A considerable part of the Weaver family was present, including his wife and three sons: Fritz Weaver, the well-known actor (recently heard in dramatic readings from James Joyce's Ulysses and Stravinsky's L'Histoire du Soldat), and Fritz's son Tony, also an actor, and Tony's wife Luciana, a photographer; also Robert Weaver, an artist and Dan Weaver, an editor of Penguin Books.

Terry Flynn, a HGI member now studying for a master's degree in economics at the New School, told of his experiences in his encounters with professors and students. Mostly he found a reluctance among professors to discuss Henry George, but there was some open-mindedness among students and, surprisingly, Marxists. Still firm in his Georgist conviction, Mr. Flynn found that there are things to learn from academic economics, and he feels he can promote the Georgist philosophy in that context.

Special guest was Father James Gilhooley who teaches at Mount St. Mary College, Newburgh, N.Y.. He was author of an article in the magazine America titled "Soggarth Aroon" (Irish for "Beloved Priest"). This was about Dr. Edward McGlynn, and Father Gilhooley spoke of the "McGlynn case" dealing with this famous New York priest's background, his liberal views, his espousal of Henry George's teachings and candidacy for Mayor of New York; and his consequent suspension and excommunication. Dr. McGlynn was eventually reinstated after an investigation initiated from Rome and then was given a parish in Newburgh - interestingly, the same town where Father Gilhooley is serving after a liberal activist career in New York City. The McGlynn case has had repercussions within the Catholic Church that have continued up to the present.

There is much of interest in the matter and the Henry George Institute proposes to hold a seminar in the Fall exploring its various phases, including the results of a recent visit to Rome by Dr. C. Joseph Nuesse of the Catholic University of America.