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HISTORICAL MARKER HONORING HENRY GEORGE TO BE DEDICATED IN PHILADELPHIA

Federal, state and city officials will join Georgists and other Philadelphia citizens in a public dedication of an historical marker honoring Henry George at a birthplace ceremony November 18.

The marker was erected by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. It is the method by which the state acknowledges and identifies individuals, structures and locations of historic importance.

The blue and yellow monument is 3' 5 1/2" high by 2' 3" wide and rests on a seven-foot post. It reads:

"The famous American economist was born here, September 2, 1839. His book, "Progress and Poverty", sold in the millions. Tax socially-produced land values, he urged, instead of individually-produced labor and capital. He died in 1897 in New York."

The idea for a marker at the birthplace was conceived by Professor Steven Cord during the period that the birthplace was being considered for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. (The listing on the Register was granted in April 1983.)

At the time Cord noted that historic markers honored eminent native sons throughout the state, and recommended similar action on behalf of Henry George. The marker application has since been approved by a series of committees, including the Philadelphia Arts Commission.

According to George Collins, director of the Philadelphia HGS, the marker -- and especially the dedication ceremony -- will "expose the Henry George birthplace to Philadelphians in a new and prominent way."

The ceremony will be held on Sunday, November 18, at 3 P.M. The birthplace is located at 413 South 10th Street, Philadelphia.

"TAX REVOLT" FILM PREMIERES FOR WASHINGTON LAWMAKERS

"A Tale of Five Cities: Tax Revolt, Pennsylvania Style", the new documentary produced by the Center for Public Dialogue, premiered before 250 people, including officials from both parties, in the House Caucus Room on September 13.

The 30-minute film, which focuses on the land-value tax in the first five Pennsylvania cities to adopt it (Washington, Pa. has recently become the sixth), presents LVT as an alternative to other tax reforms and highlights the political and economic impact of the tax.

Among those taking part in the September 13 program were Walt Rybeck, director of the Center for Public Dialogue; Congressman William Coyne, a long-time supporter of higher land taxes; Michael Sumichrast, vice president and chief economist of the Home Builders; Father William J. Byron, president of Catholic University; and Professor Steven Cord.

Response was favorable, as officials, educators and organizations explored ways to use the film. Georgists interested in obtaining a copy in 16 mm. or video tape can contact the Center at 10615 Brunswick Avenue, Kensington, Md. 20895.