

# Henry George Newsletter

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## **"GRAND FINALE"—HENRY GEORGE DAY**

In an effort to publicize and celebrate the works of Henry George, the School has asked state and local governments from across the country to proclaim May 5th Henry George Day. Proclamations have been arriving during the past few months. Here are several more which comprise the "grand finale" of Henry George Day activities.

### *NEW YORK —*

Mario Cuomo, Governor of New York, issued a proclamation in which he says;

"One name which stands out in the 19th century is economist, philosopher and political scientist Henry George. To eliminate the abuses he saw and chart a safer course through the future he envisioned, he proposed a tax to land values only to provide for all people's needs. . . It is fitting that a day be set aside in remembrance of a man who preached peace and brotherhood among men a century ago."

Another resolution has been read into the state record by Senator Marino of New York. He calls George "one of the most widely read and influential economists America has yet produced." He continues, "The writings of Henry George. . . were written in a language accessible to non-specialists in the field of economics and gained for their author a broad following among working men and women around the world."

### *ILLINOIS —*

In the state of Illinois, Governor James Thompson, in the proclamation issued from his office, speaks about the political relevance of *Protection or Free Trade* today. The Governor calls George "a famous American philosopher, author and statesman who made significant contributions to economic thought."

The Governor continues, "Inasmuch as Congress is debating raising tariff rates and abolishing reciprocal trade agreements with other nations. . . This book remains the best text to study all argument as to whether tariffs are needed or if we should have total free trade. . ."

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**NEW JERSEY —**

Two New Jersey resolutions — one from Senator Feldman, the other from Assemblyman Mazur — proclaim May 5th Henry George Day. The event was noted in an article in a local New Jersey newspaper, the *Palisadian II*. The proclamations state that "Outstanding in the 19th Century is the name Henry George. . . To chart a safe course through the future, Henry George. . . proposed a number of reforms affecting the quality of life of all the citizenry of our nation, including an equitable property tax, the elimination of urban blight and the wise use of natural resources. This House honors the memory of the man who advocated peace and brotherhood among men."

## School Notes

**SAN FRANCISCO**

The San Francisco School has been busy organizing a program of events to celebrate the anniversary of *Protection or Free Trade*. Activities included a seminar by the Junior Statesmen of America with student debates, dinners, an essay contest "Invest in America," the distribution of informational flyers and a proclamation by the Mayor of San Francisco naming May 5th Henry George Day. The Northern Californians celebrated Henry George Day in style.

**LONG ISLAND**

A group of twelve Georgists, many coming from the Long Island Executive meeting, recently traveled from Long Island to the Henry George Birthplace in Philadelphia.

George Collins, Director of the Philadelphia School, spoke to the group about the historical significance of the Birthplace and its many memorabilia including Henry George's bed and foot locker, and a first edition of *Progress and Poverty*. The group spent the afternoon visiting other historical sites in Philadelphia.