

Henry Tideman of Chicago has called attention to the fact that many new Chicago high rise buildings were erected after a secret promise of low tax assessments, and the local assessor's office is raising their valuations to bring them more into line with those of other construction. This change may put an end to the local boom in buildings of this kind.

It is the more regrettable because of a recently adopted state constitution which gives the city power to classify property for the purposes of taxation. Under it, all buildings could be taxed at only half the rate levied on land, in effect granting to all construction this same desirable encouragement. This constitutional change came as a result of the efforts of Georgists who spoke before the revenue committee of the constitutional convention and showed the film "One Way to Better Cities."

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IN LOS ANGELES under direction of Harry Pollard, a "classical analysis" of economics was introduced at the tenth annual conference of the California Council for Social Studies in March. There "The Land Question in History" was discussed along with ecology and new goals for cities, by a panel consisting of Robert Scrofani, Dr. William Filante, Dr. Margil Wadley and Mr. Pollard. Dr. Duval Jaros and John Nagy of San Diego also participated in a session where an audio visual presentation of the law of rent was demonstrated. This was greatly appreciated by teachers of social studies, more than a thousand of whom registered for the conference.

At a popular exhibition booth, well stocked with various Henry George materials, over 600 copies of "The Classical Analysis for High Schools" were distributed. It was regarded as a foundation for sustained dialogue in teaching, and many said the presentations of the HGS alone made the conference worth while. Further related material was requested by 140 of the registrants.

The program is now ready to be released to schools requesting training for teachers in classical analysis and Socratic questioning. A periodical soon to be circulated to educators will advocate teaching the social sciences as *sciences* rather than as descriptive disciplines.

At the forthcoming international Henry George School conference in San Francisco, July 7th to 11th, there will undoubtedly be a great deal of interest in Harry Pollard's approach to this "classical analysis of Political Economy created through the efforts of many great thinkers of the 18th and 19th centuries, including Henry George."

Mr. Pollard has been a radio personality on the West Coast so long that his popularity is taken for granted. He is presently offering "The Philosophy of Ralph Borsodi" in a series of 8 half-hour radio talks. Borsodi was an early "ecologist" who warned about the fate of cities long before anyone else had the wit to worry.

But Pollard comes on strong in his live performances too. He spoke on "The Laws of Ecology" to 450 high school students, and to another 320 he revealed "The Knowledge of Truths and the Knowledge of Things." He admits this was a slashing and merciless attack on statistics and statisticians. On another occasion he spoke on "The Classical Utopia of Henry George" to 24 undergraduates at the University of Southern California.