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## HGS Celebrates Earth Day

"Economics of Peace: An Earth Day Conference", held at the Henry George School in New York, was attended by over seventy, according to Mark Sullivan, Secretary of the Council of Georgist Organizations.

The Council worked in cooperation with Mildred Loomis of the School of Living in planning the agenda. Georgist groups such as the School, Henry George Institute, Henry George Foundation, Land and Liberty, and Incentive Tax League provided speakers and resources. Outside groups with common interests such as Students for a Libertarian Society, New World Alliance, People's Assembly and the Earth Society Foundation were invited and participated as well.

Highlights of the morning's activities included Mark Brady of S.L.S. on American intervention in other countries, Mildred Loomis on war atrocities and Jack Schwartzman on militarism. There was general agreement that violence, whether by individuals or by governments, was no solution to social conflicts.

The Law of the Sea was a primary topic in the afternoon schedule. U.N. Ambassador Arvid Pardo of Malta gave a capsule summary of international law relative to the oceans. Only 40% of the earth's oceans remained unclaimed by national governments, a major change from when 97% of these bodies were considered "high seas", free of national jurisdictions. The draft treaty is an attempt to place these unclaimed ocean resources, especially the mineral-rich sea beds, under international supervision. The treaty is currently in danger of being scrapped, due to the Regan administration's move to reconsider the progress made so far.

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## Conference Set For N.H. July 1981

The 1981 Georgist Conference, to be held on the campus of Franklin Pierce College in New Hampshire, is scheduled to begin Thursday, July 9 and run through Sunday, July 12, according to Robert Clancy and Mark Sullivan of the Council of Georgist Organizations, who are coordinating activities for this event.

The small, private college is located on a lakefront with a spectacular mountain view. Many recreational activities are available including swimming, tennis and hiking. The site is accessible by bus from Boston's Logan Airport or by Vermont Transit Lines. A package deal that would include conference fee, accommodations in the dormitories and meals is now being arranged.

## REPORT FROM FAIRHOPE

FAIRHOPE, Alabama--Here on the subtropical shore of Mobile Bay this early spring the blossoming of the white dogwood for the annual Arts and Crafts Weekend is regarded as timely as the principles of Henry George on which the community is founded. From Henry George Park, overlooking the beautiful beach, pier and promenade given to the city by the Single Tax Corporation, to the compact little downtown (uptown to Fairhope residents), land and the collection of its economic rent are major current subjects of concern, discussion and even passionate debate as they are nowhere else in the country.

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# SCHOOL NOTES

## NEW YORK

Two special courses are being offered at the New York School, beginning April 27. Stan Rubenstein, Director of the Long Island extension, will teach Fundamental Economics, using the recently revised course he developed with Fryda Ossias, which integrates current materials with the classic works of Henry George. The two-hour sessions will be held in the auditorium on Monday evenings, from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. A Luncheon Forum on current economic problems will be held every Tuesday at noon, beginning April 28. Faculty and staff will conduct the informal sessions based on issues of greatest concern today--inflation, unemployment, the environment, energy, and natural resources. The public is invited to bring lunch and beverages will be provided.

## SAN FRANCISCO

A special one-day seminar, dealing with the basic tenets of the course, Economics As If People Mattered, was offered as a public service to residents of the Bay Area, on Saturday March 28, at the school. The topics explored included the fundamental economic principles, how wealth is produced and distributed, and the law of rent. Filmstrips and films provided further annotation of these ideas.

## TORONTO

The School of Economic Science has acquired a regular educational 'spot' on local community cable television in Toronto. The program, 'Geocentre', is hosted and produced by Tim Fielding. Recently the film, "For the Land is Mine" was shown on the program.

## LONG ISLAND

Enrollment in five classes of Fundamental Economics, held as part of Adult Education classes in high schools on Long Island, totaled over three hundred students. Of the eighty who finished the basic course, thirty completed an advanced course, Contemporary Issues, based on George's Social Problems, and fourteen completed a new advanced course, Critics of Henry George.

## PHILADELPHIA

Trustee Jack Himmelstein is teaching an advanced course, Applied Economics, beginning Wednesday, April 22, at the Philadelphia birthplace. The course employs critical analysis learned from Fundamental Economics to a broad range of contemporary problems.

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Dr. Harry Lerner of the People's Assembly presented a film, "Nuclear Countdown", which depicted the threat of terracide or "Earth-kill", posed by the stockpiling of nuclear weapons and the proliferation of nuclear technology. Following the film, Kirkpatrick Sale of the New World Alliance correlated periods of growth of nationalism with those of war and inflation. Other participants included Robert Clancy on the single tax, Dan Sullivan on land trusts, Lynn Stone on world hunger and John McConnell on the history of Earth Day.

There was general agreement and support by the participants for monthly meetings concentrating on specific topics and ideas presented at the conference. At the first meeting, held on April 9th, the Council and the School of Living planned an ongoing series of study groups, workshops and forums to further explore decentralism, land reform, and the economics of peace.