

Medowar given first Mason journalism award

A Long Island attorney, Jerome S. Medowar, was awarded the first J. Rupert Mason journalism citation for 19 articles he wrote for "Merrick Life" on property taxes. Sponsored by the Henry George School of Northern California, the award has been funded by Eugenia Mason in memory of her late husband who was a founding director of the School in San Francisco.

The bronze medalion and a check for \$500 was presented to Mr. Medowar by

Glenn E. Weeks, a member of our board of trustees and a former president of the San Francisco School, at a dinner meeting of the Henry George Institute in October.

Mr. Medowar, who is associated with the Long Island branch of the School, developed the thesis of full-value assessment and separation of the property tax into its two components. His newspaper series attacked real estate tax exemptions and recommended subsidies for worthy organizations to replace the hidden ex-

emptions; it delineated the community improvements that support land values, and it went so far as to suggest that the land tax would end speculation in this area and thereby aid the fight against inflation.

Mr. Weeks, representing his former colleagues in the Bay Area, said the award was being given to recognize and thereby promote excellence in journalistic efforts related to the reforms Henry George advocated. □