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Labor Day Meeting to Inaugurate New Headquarters

Politics, economics, the environment, and the future will be featured at the 1980 Joint Georgist Conference being held at the new headquarters of the Henry George School, located at 5 E. 44th Street in midtown, over the Labor Day weekend.

Representatives of the candidates in the Presidential election will address the conference and local legislators from the New York and New Jersey metropolitan area have been invited for luncheon.

Two separate panels will be devoted to the issues of tax reform. The one on Pennsylvania will concentrate on results of the current experience in a number of cities with higher land tax rates and prospects for extension of that principle throughout the state. The New York session will focus on the crisis in assessments in both the city and state and efforts to move towards a greater reliance on land value taxation within the framework of the property tax.

A forum on teaching fundamental economics will feature a new set of materials prepared for the Henry George schools this past year. Workshops will highlight a number of different approaches to courses given in different parts of the country.

A panel of scholars, chaired by Professor Robert Andelson, author of the recently published *Critics of Henry George* will discuss Neo-Georgism: History Updated. Other highlights at the conference include reports on application of the Henry George philosophy in the developing world, chaired by Dr. Arch Woodruff; a discussion of current issues in Money and Energy with members of the New York school and an exploration of the Georgist approach to ecology and economy.

Social events planned include a wine and cheese reception at the building, an evening boat ride around Manhattan, and the annual banquet at the Biltmore Hotel in the Music Room.

During the weekend, organizational meetings will be scheduled for sponsoring organizations including Henry George School, Henry George Institute, Henry George Foundation and a special meeting of the Council of Georgist Organizations.

Following the conference summary on Monday morning, Labor Day, conferees will conduct their own parade up Fifth Avenue to the Henry George tree in Central Park. A full conference program appears inside this issue.



The new six-story headquarters building in midtown Manhattan features a main floor auditorium, where the conference will be held, as well as reception area and a book store. There are additional classrooms on the second floor, reached by two separate staircases. A student lounge is in the basement.