

# HENRY GEORGE NEWSLETTER

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## MASSACHUSETTS, CALIFORNIA PUBLICATIONS GIVE PAGE-ONE COVERAGE TO HENRY GEORGE, LAND VALUE TAXATION

Recent publications in the Boston and Sacramento areas devoted generous space to the Georgist movements in Massachusetts and California.

The April 9 - 16 issue of the Boston Business Journal featured an article entitled, "By George, Tax the Land, Not the Buildings", on page one. Staff writer Sue Reinert presented a thorough picture of the development of an LVT effort in the state, pausing to acknowledge the impact of the Henry George Schools, to give brief background of George's life, and to relate the LVT experience in Pennsylvania.

But the major thrust of the article was the lobbying efforts of Incentive Taxers Howard Thomson and Mitch Chanelis. Thomson, a Georgist for 40 years, sent off a letter to Massachusetts Representative Joseph Hermann in 1978 urging a higher tax on land than improvements. Hermann, unfamiliar with George and seemingly uninterested, nevertheless grasped the logic of the idea and has introduced such a bill annually ever since.

Chanelis has been trying to drum up support for Hermann's legislation, netting 25 co-sponsors last year. The bill has gone as far as a second reading, but is "unlikely" to get further this year, according to Hermann. There is also new interest in the concept in the state Office of Economic Affairs.

Neighbors, a supplement to The Sacramento Bee, titled its April 5th lead story, "One School of Thought on Land-Tax Reform". Written by Catherine A. Warren, the article emphasized the role of the HGS in Sacramento and its environs in keeping George's land tax ideas vital.

It also reported that Assemblyman Lloyd Connelly, who spoke at the school's recent graduation dinner, announced his support for an LVT bill sponsored by Marin County Assemblyman Bill Filante.

A two-page sidebar offered a biographical sketch of George and a somewhat more thorough explanation of the Single Tax.

## MONSIGNOR GIVES TALK ON FATHER MCGLYNN

Father Edward McGlynn, founder of the anti-poverty league and supporter of Henry George in the 1886 mayoral election, retains the aura of a renegade within the Catholic Church nearly 100 years after his excommunication and eventual reinstatement. This according to Monsignor Byrne of New York's Epiphany Church, who recently gave a seminar on Dr. McGlynn and his contemporary, Father Richard Burtzell.

The priests were pastors of adjacent Manhattan parishes, St. Stephen's and Epiphany. Both ran afoul of Archbishop Michael Corrigan -- McGlynn for his continued support for George, his active involvement in political and social life, and a number of "rather radical ideas within the 19th Century Church", Burtzell primarily for his counsel to McGlynn during the controversy. Both were eventually sent "up the river" to parishes in upstate New York.

"The episode reflects arguments still raging within the church," Monsignor Byrne said, "primarily, how active should priests be in political and secular matters."

Fifty people attended the session.