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## FALL '86 NEW COURSES AT THE NEW YORK SCHOOL

The course line-up this fall with feature seminars, lectures and workshops, dealing with basic and advanced materials, and courses taught in English, Spanish and even Haitian Creole.

Progress and Poverty and an advanced course, Social Problems, will both be offered in Spanish. In response to the interest shown by the Haitian community in various Henry George activities this past year, Fryda Ossias has helped to develop a Progress and Poverty course to be taught in the creole of Haiti.

On Thursdays this Fall Don Hurford will conduct a lunchtime film seminar featuring films and documentaries on important economic and social issues. The films, which will be shown between 1:30 and 3:00 P.M., range in length from 30 minutes to one hour. Each film will be followed by a period of questions, comments and discussion.

The selection of a dozen or so films and following discussion periods will create a painless and unique way of addressing some key issues—early labor struggles, Appalachian poverty, the ins and outs of Wall Street, tax reform, and third world debt. Don Hurford speaks enthusiastically about the series. “We have chosen some of the best films for this series—up-to-date, accurate, and especially thought provoking.”

One film in the series, entitled “The Business of America,” has been described as the first film to question the basic economic assumption that corporations can be entrusted to make the investments upon which all Americans depend. *The New York Times* has called this film “A powerful documentary. . . (which) makes personal many abstract economic issues and raises important questions about the decline of the nation’s industry.”

Topics for the first three films in the series are as follows:

September 18—“When the Heavens Weep”

A documentary tracing the early struggles of Appalachian coal miners which culminated in a confrontation known as the Battle of Blain Mountain.

September 25—“Will Tax Changes Raise Your Standard of Living?”

The effects of a tax reduction are explored, with particular emphasis on current tax legislation and its impact on the middle class.

October 2—“Martin County, Kentucky”

This film describes the plight of this coal mining region where people ask, “What will we do when the coal is gone?”