

Following a champagne reception and a lobster dinner, Richard Noyes, as MC, opened the proceedings at the Annual Banquet by introducing Jack Kelly, Schalkenbach Trustee, who spoke of the power of the press in informing or misinforming the public. Professor Robert Wood of MIT and a former Secretary of HUD, gave the keynote address on the successes and failures of legislators at the state, local and federal level in developing a coherent land use and property tax policy program for their constituents. Wood noted that according to a recent MIT report, affordable housing no longer matches what middle class families can afford. Following Wood's speech, Lancaster Greene, and Heman Chase entertained the audience and Jack Schwartzman acknowledged the contributions of Robert Clancy and Mark Sullivan, among others, for making the conference such a rousing success.

A two-hour morning session on the Land and the People featured the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for Massachusetts, Slow Turtle, who spoke of the symbiosis between the Georgist ideals and those of the modern Native American movement. He led the group in an outdoor circle ceremony of songs and chants.

Evaluation of program and schedule of this year's conference was discussed, with the unanimous agreement that the choice of a college campus as a conference setting is a good one and similar facilities should be checked out for future conferences, and the Council's plans to coordinate next year's conference with the International Conference in Holland were examined before the program came to an official close.

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Lucy de Silfa reports nearly 700 graduates in five locations including special courses for employees of the Ministry of Finance and the Agrarian Reform Institute where Henry George is now part of the national training program. Support for land value taxation continues to grow in the Dominican Republic with serious discussions on radio and tv and newspaper analysis of the benefits of its application.

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