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EDITORIAL

Our editorial column, during the past several years, has attempted to analyze and evaluate the important issues of the day. Although our interpretation of the news has, at times, bred disagreement, it has invariably shown light on the unlimited scope of the Georgist philosophy.

During the same few years, newspapers, television programs and news magazines have carried aspects of our concern, but have not conveyed our major concepts. Other ideologies, possessed of limited value, received better coverage than important aspects of Georgism. This pattern has been duplicated in books, in conversation and in the political arena. How can we become more effective, improve our techniques and attract more leaders?

In order to spark a dialogue on this subject among Georgists, we will devote this column, from time to time, to "guest editorialists". We have reiterated our message here often enough. Now, how do we get it beyond our borders?

We invite you to spell out any plans you feel the movement should pursue -- a blueprint, if you will. Let your ideas be the topic at various board meetings and conferences. The Henry George Schools and related organizations have, collectively, several hundred years of experience. That we have survived is as much a tribute to the dedication of Georgists as it is to the ideas we espouse.

We'd like to hear from Georgists who have given some thought to the following: Are there projects that Georgist organizations can develop together, so that we can, perhaps, pool our resources? Can we, as individual Georgists, cooperate effectively with programs not developed by ourselves?

How healthy is it for the movement if groups and individuals continue to work scattershot in many different directions? What is the record of our accomplishments and how ready are we to face the challenges of the computer and video age? Although limited in number, our skills and talents are varied -- how can we make better use of them?

Tough questions that require tough answers.

Guest editorials that speak to these questions and others that pertain to our future and direction will appear in this space. Are we laying a firm groundwork for the next century -- only 16 years away? Let us hear from you.

--Stan Rubenstein