

A Message From the President

IN MY first general letter as president of the Henry George School I gave some of my observations and impressions of the Georgist scene.

There appears to be increasing evidence in professional journals and economic literature of serious interest in land value taxation. A number of university professors have confirmed to me that the idea is catching fire. It appears, too, that the educational efforts of the School have resulted in practical applications of this principle. The Southfield story is a familiar one. It has been followed by the recent adoption in California of a rapid transit program to be financed solely by a tax on land values.

We are witnessing on a national scale, and on every level of society, expressions of dissatisfaction with the status quo. Increasingly, there is disenchantment with government programs which offer political nostrums to cure what are basically economic ills. This situation presents a unique opportunity for the Henry George School to educate for correct thinking. To do this effectively, the School will be required to improve every aspect of its functions. It must be reorganized to operate on a more professional level. The curriculum must be revised

and broadened and the faculty made stronger.

An Academic Advisory Committee composed of distinguished professors from leading universities who will assist with the educational process has been formed.* Exploration of a program leading to accreditation of courses for New York State certification of teachers of social studies has been undertaken. Negotiations are being conducted to establish a university chair in economics. This is but part of a long list of proposed activities.

The School is at a crossroad where the correct turn must be made. If it is to function as an effective educational instrument, the only course to follow is the one which leads to excellence of performance. Because the program is so vital I ask you to support it with your contribution to the School or your local extension and to increase your gift whenever that may be possible. We have a lever with which to move the earth to the service of all men. Let us grasp it.

Sincerely,

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