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CITIES ON SCHOOL MAP TOTAL 73

New York, (HGNS)--Classes of the Henry George School of Social Science are now being held, or will definitely start soon, in 73 cities throughout the world, John Lawrence Monroe, field director of the School, said in a report here today.

"This makes a total of 141 classes with 2,920 students enrolled up to March 1, 1936," Mr. Monroe stated. "Forty-seven new cities had classes this year, which is more than twice the total of the previous two years."

Four new cities are definitely to start classes as soon as possible, Mr. Monroe revealed. This phase of the campaign has developed since April 1. The cities are Melbourne Australia, under P.J. Markham and a group of associates; Elkins Park, Pa., under S.N. Selman; Benld, Ill., under Joseph Silipisni; and Jerome, Ariz., under Frank E. Jordan.

"The start that has been made is but a preliminary to the drive we must make to obtain 10,000 enrollments in the next school year," Mr. Monroe declared.

GRADUATION MARKED ON COAST

Los Angeles, Cal. (HGNS)--The second class in fundamental economics and social philosophy of the Los Angeles Extension of the Henry George School of Social Science, numbering 21 students and conducted by Harry H. Ferrell, was graduated on April 5th.

Pasadena, Cal. (HGNS)--The graduation of a class in the basic course of the Henry George School of Social Science here is expected here on April 21. Applications and enrollments in prospect will probably make another course necessary this spring, George E. Lee, extension instructor, said.

This is Mr. Lee's third class. His first class was also the first to be conducted in Los Angeles.

Long Beach, Cal. (HGNS)--The second part of the trimester of the Long Beach Extension of the Henry George School of Social Science was concluded on March 18.

The course was conducted by Cary Richard Colburn under the auspices of the Adult Education of the Long Beach City Schools. Mr. Colburn, whose third class began on April 13, holds a special certificate from the State Board of Education to teach social philosophy.

CAPITAL CLASS CLOSES

Washington, D.C., (HGNS)-- A dinner at the Hotel Gordon was held April 4 by the first class to graduate from the basic course of the Washington Extension of the Henry George School of Social Science. Mrs. Elizabeth Phillips was the instructor.

Representative Charles R. Eckert, in the principal address, expressed the belief that the time was propitious "for a wider understanding and acceptance of Henry George's scientific solution of economic disorders which otherwise seem incapable of real and permanent improvement." In appreciation, the students presented a briefcase to Mrs. Phillips. A resolution praising Mrs. Phillips' manner

of instruction was adopted by the students and forwarded to National Headquarters of the Henry George School at 211 West 79th Street, N.Y.

PITTSBURGH PLANS LARGEST TAX SALE

New York, (HGNS)--The largest tax sale of real estate in Pittsburgh's history is to take place on the first Monday in May (May 4), William N. McNair, Mayor of Pittsburgh, said in an interview while on a visit here.

"The City of Pittsburgh has from \$17,000,000 to \$19,000,000 due from back taxes", the Mayor said, "and its about time the land speculators either paid up or got out of the way and let people who would and could use the land get at it."

The approximate total of tax delinquencies due for sale on the foregoing date is \$75,451.59. The property is to be taken over by the city and disposed of as "it sees fit if the payments are not made on or before that date. After the sale, the owners still have a year in which to pay their taxes and reclaim "their" property.

"The threatened tax sale has had one good effect already", Mayor McNair said. "A large building on a valuable location in downtown Pittsburgh has been standing idle for years and the back taxes have been piling up. Since the tax sale was announced, the back taxes have been paid and the building was remodeled into a modern office building.

"There are many cases I could cite to show how land speculators were trying to hold up the people of Pittsburgh. Taxing the land value made it possible to improve one of our main thoroughfares, to the benefit of everyone in the city."

When asked of the practicability of the Pittsburgh Plan, Mayor McNair replied: "I would like to see the taxes on buildings reduced and eventually removed, but this is impossible at present. If I would "play ball" with a certain element in town it could be done, but only to the ultimate harm to the people of Pittsburgh. The Plan can do a great deal of good as it stands. All it needs is enforcement, and I am going to see that it is enforced."

AMERICANS AID LONDON PAPER

London, England, (HGNS)--Georgists in various parts of the United States, who have contributed to the "pound for pound" fund to maintain Land and Liberty, monthly journal of the United Committee for the Taxation of Land Values, are among those quoted in the current issue in appreciation of the paper's work.

The fund originated in the challenge of an Australian reader to match gifts up to a total of £500 (roughly \$2,500) as a tribute to the work of John Paul. Contributions or pledges are being addressed to the Land and Liberty Sustentation Fund, 94 Petty France, London, S.W.1.

VETTERMAN TALKS AT JUNIOR COLLEGE

Greenwich, Conn., (HGNS)--An address before the economics class of the Edgewood Park Junior College here on Henry George's program of social land-value taxation was given by Arthur H. Vetterman, faculty member of the Henry George School of Social Science in New York.

Dr. Thomas H. Billings, faculty member of the college was impressed and expressed a desire to become more familiar with George's Social Philosophy.