

# *The Henry George School in News*

**BOSTON'S** director, Mitchell S. Lurio, having retired from the presidency of a large finance company and joined the leisure class, has accepted membership on the board of trustees of the HGS in New York, where he always finds a cordial welcome. He has taken a new extension location at 120 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02116 (this and other address changes are included in the new 1968 booklet available from HGS in New York). With more time available for school activities Mr. Lurio has three classes this term and hopes for more in 1968. On November 27th there was a graduation meeting to discuss future plans.

**NEW JERSEY** will deck the halls at the school in Newark on December 4th at 3 P.M. for an informal reception of the students completing the basic course. The president, Dr. Geoffrey W. Esty, will repeat a talk made in Lima, Peru in November to an international group. Every Tuesday afternoon from one to three this becomes the hospitable meeting place for Georgist friends.

**ST. LOUIS** has joined the Legion—with a class in the American Legion Hall at 5201 Thrush Avenue, and others in prospect. The Missouri State Legion Commander told members of the class that the HGS program was the only alternative he had found to outright despair for the future of America.

**MICHIGAN** has eight classes in the Detroit area under the skillful leadership of Harold Tapert, Granville W. Anderson, Leonard Huckabone and Robert Benton, the director. These are small select classes with good responses and zestful discussion. The first fall social meeting on December 9th will be at the Whittier Hotel, with Ted Gwartney, the City Assessor of Southfield, as speaker. He will answer the skeptics who thought the LVT method

was impractical, and will explain how it is being administered with success under the guidance of Mayor James Clarkson of Southfield, Michigan (see the January HGS for details on this).

The voters of Royal Oak did not elect Robert F. Patnales, the mayoralty candidate who campaigned largely on the LVT issue and gave publicity to it in the press. He is still convinced however that the city's future will prove him right in his demand for a land assessment.

**TORONTO** "kicked off" with its first Friday at Seven meeting on November 3rd with 28 who came to supper and others who came later. Ernest Farmer was the speaker, and Harold Nesbitt showed slides of a European trip. Laurie Mannel sometimes has to coax his colleagues to come out for meetings but report having a jolly time.

**NEW YORK** friends heard Philip Rubin give a talk on the Russian Revolution at the HGS on November 8th. Noting its 50th anniversary, Mr. Rubin outlined the main events before, during and after the "ten days that shook the world." He was a college student in those days and recalled the excitement and enthusiasm engendered among liberals and socialists. However, disillusionment set in with the passage of time, and he described the Russian system today as "state socialism."

At another evening lecture Phintso Thonden, personal representative of Tibet's Dalai Lama in the U.S., described the Chinese-communist takeover of Tibet and the escape of Tibet's spiritual and political leader, the Dalai Lama, to India. Mr. Thonden also described the pre-communist economy of Tibet as laissez faire with no sales or income taxes. The land was considered as belonging to the whole people and there was a land tax, though imperfectly levied. Thus their economy resembled the proposals of Henry George.