

SCHOOL NOTES

Boston

NEW YORK CITY

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Free courses in economics, history and social philosophy began this month at the Henry George School in New York.

The basic course in Georgist philosophy and economics, Fundamental Economics, is a prerequisite for the advanced courses, except for Money and Banking. Three sections of this course are available, with Dr. Jules Zimmerman teaching Monday, Lionel Gonzales on Wednesday, and Mark Sullivan on Thursday. This course, like the other courses, meets once a week for two hours, during the ten-week semester.

Five advanced courses are scheduled for the semester. On Monday evenings, Oscar Johannsen teaches Money and Banking, which explores control by private enterprise rather than by government. The Many Faces of Fascism is described by its teacher, Harry Fornari, as tracing the "political economic and sociological origins of fascism the world over". Si Winters returns to the teaching staff of the school with his course, Man and His Land, which traces the concept of land tenure through history. Bernard Bellush tackles presidential responses to national problems in his course on Wednesdays, Lessons from Recent History. Rounding out the schedule is Protection or Free Trade, a reexamination of Henry George's classic, taught by a new instructor, David Norflus.

Philadelphia

A course based on the life and teachings of Oscar H. Geiger, Founder of the Henry George School, is currently in session at the school in Philadelphia.

Applied Economics, the follow-up course to F.E., is also being offered, with Protection or Free Trade and Social Problems, both by Henry George, used as texts. Topical issues such as strength of the U.S. dollar abroad, the immigrant question, "enterprise zones", and foreign competition in the marketplace will be explored in detail.

San Francisco

"Economics as if People Mattered" is the title of a course the Henry George School in San Francisco is holding at four locations in the Bay Area.

The course tackles some of the toughest questions ever faced by economists, sociologists, political scientists and philosophers, according to Alanna Hartzok, HGS Education Director. Two libraries, a church and a private home were chosen for their convenient locations. The course is also included as part of the Berkeley Adult School program for the Winter Semester.

In November, 1980, Philip Finkelstein met with the group who are willing to serve as interim Board members of the Boston based school. There was a mutual agreement on the need for a school in the area, although it was felt that classes are not enough, but that lectures, workshops and seminars in land value taxation, using the media for promotion, should be a vital function of the school.

Mr. Chanelis presented his proposal to the New York Board of Trustees in December, citing the importance of cooperation with land reform, hunger and environmental protection groups in the area so that a network of ideas, resources and people can be formed.

At the Trustee meeting in January, Mr. Chanelis thanked the board for its support and outlined several possibilities for location of the school, which will be announced in the next issue of the Henry George News.