



# Highlights

## Atlas Celebrates Tenth Anniversary

In celebration of its tenth anniversary, Atlas hosted one of the largest gatherings of free-market activists in its history. The joint celebration and 16th international workshop, held on May 9-11, 1991, was widely attended by people from institutes, foundations, and corporations around the world.

Atlas influence has increased steadily over the past decade. The Atlas "network" of institutes now truly spans the globe with institutes in Africa, Latin America, Eastern Europe, Russia and the former Soviet Republics. Efforts are underway to develop new organizations or otherwise cooperate

with people in South Africa, the Republic of Georgia, and the Ukraine. During the past year, new institutes have been incorporated in the Bahamas, in Canada, in Czechoslovakia, in Ghana, in Greece, in Portugal, in the USSR, and in several US states.

## Free-Market Institutes' Efforts Increase in Africa

Atlas is pleased to be involved with several new free-market efforts in Africa.

In 1990, the Zenzele Institute was established in Johannesburg, South Africa, to promote classical liberal values and institutions. The institute plans to promote these ideas by teaching courses; by sponsoring conferences and seminars; by publishing policy reports and newsletters; and eventually, by publishing a weekly news column, books, and issue papers. Atlas recently assisted Zenzele by organizing and contributing to the costs of a fundraising trip to the U.S. for Esau Mngomezulu, the institute's Executive Director.

Charles Mensah, who recently

completed his Ph.D. in Economics at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia, has returned to his native country to head the IEA Ghana. One of the institute's first projects is the 1991 Peter T. Bauer essay competition, which has drawn over 40 entries addressing the topic—"Economic Growth in Africa: Aid or Trade?" Atlas contributed seed money, helped secure foundation grants, and provided three travel grants to assist in fund raising and development of this new institute.

Gabriel Eteki, from Cameroon, who is currently a graduate student in economics at Paris-Dauphine University, has organized a "union" for supporters

of free market ideas. The group, comprised of African students studying in Paris, recently held its first formal seminar with the support and cooperation of Professor Pascal Salin of Dauphine. Atlas donated three shipments of market economics books to help support the student group. Hopefully the "union" will become a focal point for students from all French-speaking African nations.

Upon completion of his studies, Eteki hopes to return to Cameroon to establish a free-market, public policy institute.

*Right: Charles Mensah details his plans for the IEA Ghana.*

*Far right: Esau Mngomezulu describes the work of the newly established Zenzele Institute in Johannesburg, South Africa.*



## 16th International Workshop Held Near Atlas Headquarters

One of the most exciting conferences in the Atlas International Workshop series was held in Herndon, Virginia, from May 9-11, 1991. The meeting was attended by 140 participants, including representatives of 54 institutes from 24 countries.

The meeting was off to an unusual start with a videotaped keynote address by Hernando de Soto, author of the international bestseller *El Otro Sendero (The Other Path)* and head of the Instituto Libertad y Democracia in Lima, Peru. For reasons made clear by

his videotaped message, de Soto was unable to deliver the keynote address personally.

A week before the Atlas meeting, a 26-kilogram bomb exploded outside the ILD headquarters, missing de Soto by only 15 minutes. Deborah Orsini, the only staff member in the building at the time, described how the bombing is believed to be linked to the recent success of the ILD in forging an agreement with the government on national drug policy. This de-regulatory, pro-private property policy threatens the

entrenched vested interests that control Peru's drug traffick. While acknowledging the dangers involved in the fight for freedom, de Soto, nonetheless, offered encouragement to his many colleagues.

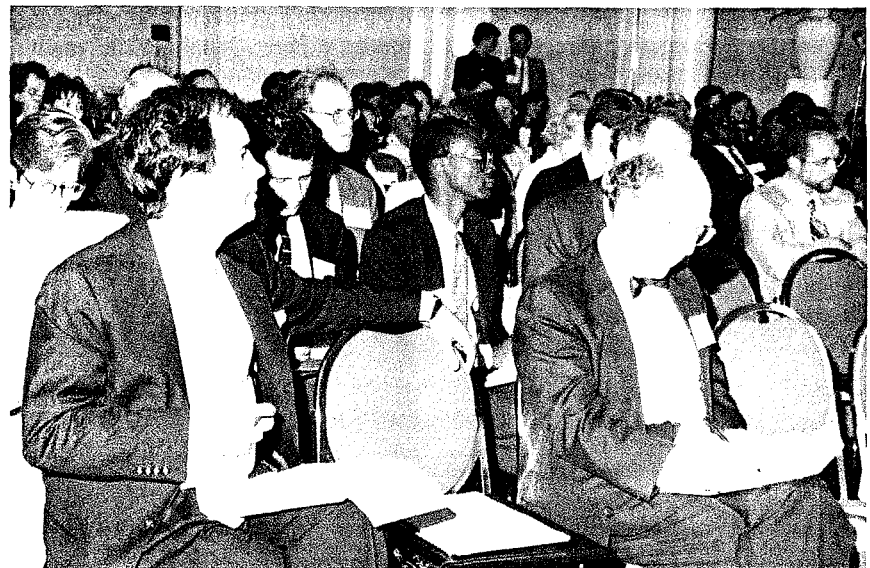
The first panel of the workshop focused on the "past, present, and future" of the war of ideas. Chaired by Sally Pipes (Fraser Institute, Canada), this session traced the origins and development of free-market public policy institutes. Lord Harris (Institute of Economic Affairs, UK) and Michael



*Top left: Father Robert A. Sirico describes the work of the Acton Institute while chairman Sally Pipes (Fraser Institute) and Virginia Straus (Pioneer Institute) look on.*

*Top Right: Stuart Arnett (Ethan Allen Institute for Public Policy) and Steve Buckstein (Cascade Policy Institute) listen for pointers on managing statewide institutes.*

*Bottom: In the foreground, John Goodman (National Center for Policy Analysis) and Gabriel Roth listen intently during a workshop session.*



Walker (Fraser Institute) represented the well-established cornerstone institutes. Greg Lindsay (Centre for Independent Studies, Australia) and Deborah Orsini (Instituto Libertad y Democracia, Peru) represented the next generation of institutes. The most recent generation of free-market, public policy institutes was represented by Virginia Straus (Pioneer Institute, Massachusetts), Robert Sirico (Acton Institute, Michigan), Sam Staley (Urban Policy Research Institute, Ohio), Charles Mensah (IEA Ghana), and Esau Mngomezulu (Zenzele Institute, South Africa).

The regularly featured Institute Reports, which highlight the ongoing projects of free-market institutes, demonstrated the growth of interest in

Latin America and Eastern Europe: Jose Luiz Carvalho (Instituto Liberal, Brazil), Ponciano Vivanco (Fundacion Republica, Argentina), and Arturo Fontaine (Centro de Estudios Publicos, Chile) represented the Latin American participants, while Boris Pinsker (Referendum Publishers, USSR), Jozsef Szajer (FIDESZ, Hungary), and Lenka Kalisova (Liberalni Institut, Czechoslovakia) represented the Eastern European participants.

In addition to the Institute Reports, an entire afternoon was devoted to a discussion of Free-Market Environmentalism. The afternoon was kicked off by William Dennis (Liberty Fund, Indiana) who delivered an insightful luncheon address, stressing the importance of individual responsibility and

voluntarism in the pursuit of a clean environment.

The sessions, chaired by Dan Peters (Procter & Gamble, Ohio), explored ways institutes can promote the idea of using market forces to foster environmental stewardship. John Baden (Foundation for Research on Economics and the Environment, Washington) and Richard Stroup (Political Economy Research Center, Montana), two of the pioneers of FME, introduced the central thesis of the approach and described their own current efforts. Updates from groups that are conducting research on environmental issues, William Mellor (Pacific Research Institute, California); Walter Block (Fraser Institute, Canada); and John Goodman (National Center for Policy Analysis, Texas), followed Baden and Stroup. Three Washington, D.C.-based groups oriented more towards creating political change, R. J. Smith (Cato Institute); Kent Jeffreys (Competitive Enterprise Institute); and Becky Norton Dunlop (Citizens for the Environment), finished the session.

Atlas's 17th International Workshop is scheduled for Uruguay in November.



Top left: Bill Dennis (Liberty Fund) gives the luncheon address "The Environment for Liberty."

Top right: Dora de Ampuero (Instituto Ecuatoriano de Economia Politica, Ecuador) smiles through the crowd as the audience follows the new institute reports.

Bottom: John Goodman discusses the environmental work of the National Center for Policy Analysis as chairman Daniel S. Peters (Procter & Gamble) and William H. Mellor (Pacific Research Institute) look on.

## 1991 Sir Antony Fisher International Memorial Awards Presented

Another highlight of Atlas's 10th Anniversary Celebration was the presentation of the 1991 Sir Antony Fisher International Memorial Awards. These awards are funded by friends and relatives of Atlas's founder, the late Sir Antony Fisher in recognition of his pioneering work.

John Blundell and Linda Whetstone, eldest daughter of Sir Antony, presented the awards for books published in 1989 or 1990 which made the greatest contributions to the understanding of the free economy.

First prize of \$10,000 went to the Fraser Institute, Canada, for *Economics and the Environment: A Reconciliation*, edited by Walter E. Block. Second prize of \$5,000 went to The Centre for Independent Studies, Australia, for *Welfare State or Constitutional State*, by Suri Ratnapala. Three third prizes of \$2500 each went to The Pioneer Institute, Massachusetts, for *Work and Welfare in Massachusetts* by June O'Neill; the Centro de Estudios Publicos, Chile, for *Para Combatir La Pobreza* by Tarsicio Castaneda; and the National Center for Policy Analysis, Texas, for the trilogy, *Taxation and the Elderly*, by John Goodman, A. James Meigs, Aldona Robbins, and Gary Robbins.

A special award was presented to the Instituto Liberal of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, for the Portuguese translation of Ludwig von Mises's *Human Action*.

In addition to a \$2,500 grant, Instituto Liberal received a framed letter of congratulations from Mises's widow, Margit von Mises. Technically, translations do not fall under the Fisher Award guidelines. The judges, however, agreed that this impressive effort deserved special recognition.

This year's panel of judges consisted of John Blundell, Professor James M. Buchanan, Dr. Alejandro Chafuen, Professor Israel M. Kirzner, Henri Lepage, and Professor Antonio Martino. Special thanks are due to Professor Ralph Raico for assistance with foreign languages.



Top: The Fraser Institute's Michael Walker and Sally Pipes join Walter Block to accept the first place award from Linda Whetstone.

Bottom: Greg Lindsay accepts the second place award for the Centre for Independent Studies and the study's author Suri Ratnapala.



## Atlas Welcomes New Director of Program Development

Atlas is pleased to welcome Carl O. Helstrom, III, who joined its staff in April. Carl will assist primarily with fund raising and development.

A 1984 graduate of Grove City College in Pennsylvania, Carl's career in free market organizations began at the Foundation for Economic Education, where he was Director of Administrative Services. He later worked with Libertarian Press, Inc., a free market book publishing company in Spring



Mills, Pennsylvania. Prior to joining Atlas, Carl worked in the development office of the Capital Research Center in Washington, D.C.

Carl brings a diversity of practical experience to Atlas. Most importantly, he shares the personal commitment to the ideals of the free society that characterizes all of the Atlas staff.

Carl O. Helstrom, III

## Atlas Announces New President

Atlas is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Alejandro A. Chafuen as its new president. With more than five years on the Atlas staff, Alex brings considerable experience and an intimate understanding of the foundation's mission, goals, and operation to the presidency.

Alex first teamed up with Antony Fisher in 1985 to assist in the organization of a Latin American conference. Since then, he has held a number of positions, including Director of Latin American Affairs, Director of Advisory Programs, Vice President, and now, President.

Alex earned his Ph.D. in economics under Professor Hans F. Sennholz of Grove City College. He has written many articles on economics, ethics, and Latin American issues, and has authored the book *Christians for Freedom*, published by Ignatius Press.

Former Atlas president, John Blundell, will continue to play an active role in the work of Atlas as Chair-



man of the Executive Committee, while assuming the leadership of a philanthropic foundation.

Alejandro Chafuen, Dorian and R. John Adams (Bermuda), and Lord Harris (Institute of Economic Affairs, UK) at the 10th Anniversary celebration.

## New Institute of Economic Affairs Titles Available from Atlas

*The Wealth of Nations and the Environment* by Mikhail S. Bernstam (\$14) and *Pricing for Pollution* by Wilfred Beckerman (\$10) published by the IEA offer two enlightening perspectives on the economics of environmentalism.

Additional new titles include *Economics of Law* by Cento Veljanovski (\$14), which provides an introduction to socio-legal research; *The Case for Earmarked Taxes* by Fanjit S. Teja and Barry Bracewell-Milnes (\$16) who argue that tax earmarking has a theoretical rationale closely tied to the eco-

nomics of public choice; *The State of the Economy 1991* (\$20), a collection of readings which examines the state of the British economy; *Denationalization of Money* (3rd edition) by F. A. Hayek (\$18) in which he argues that money is no different from other commodities and would be better supplied by competition between private issuers than by a government monopoly; and *Choice, Contract, Consent: A Restatement of Liberalism* by Anthony de Jasay (\$18) which develops the conditions that substantive legitimacy must meet, and delineates the restricted class

of cases where a liberal government may preempt the voluntary choices of its citizens.

Please contact Atlas for more information.

## Mugs and Shirts

There's still time to purchase special anniversary editions of Atlas T-shirts and coffee mugs!! The shirts are \$5.00; mugs are \$2.00. The T-shirts (made of 100% extra beefy cotton, royal blue shirt with a white imprint) come in M,L,XL. Specify size and quantity when ordering. Send orders to: Carl Helstrom, Atlas Economic Research Foundation, 4210 Roberts Road, Fairfax, VA 22032-1028.

## Lilly Endowment Renews Latin American Support

Atlas received the second installment of a two-year grant from the Lilly Endowment to strengthen economic



Arturo Fontaine (Centro de Estudios Publicos, Chile) shares news from the Latin American front.

understanding in Latin America. The Endowment's generous grant allows Atlas, in the words of the Lilly Endowment's annual report, to provide "technical assistance and operating support to some 19 Central and South American public policy research organizations that adhere to democratic, free-market principles...these organizations train young economists, publish economic literature, and interact with other world economists to help break down barriers dividing the Americas."

In May, Arturo Fontaine of the Centro de Estudios Publicos in Chile and Ponciano Vivanco of Fundacion Republica in Argentina accompanied Atlas staffers Alex Chafuen and Jo Kwong to the Lilly Endowment's headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana,

to report on Atlas's extensive Latin American programs.

Following a meeting and lively luncheon discussion with Lilly executives, including John M. Mutz, Vice President; Michael A. Carroll, Vice President for Community Development; and Bill Goodwin, Treasurer, nearly 40 Lilly representatives attended a 90-minute presentation by the Atlas staff.

## New Institutes

The list of new institutes continues to grow. Some institutes are new to the Atlas network, others have been newly established. Add the following organizations to your rolodex:

Ethan Allen Institute for Public Policy  
Contact: Stuart Arnett  
5 Meadow Lane  
Windsor, Vermont 05089

Instituto Ecuatoriano de Economia Politica  
Contact: Dora de Ampuero  
Higuera 106 y Costanera (Urdesa)  
Guayaquil  
Ecuador

The John Locke Institute of Canada  
Contact: Stephen Paine  
PO Box 1238  
Saint Catherines, Ontario L2R 7A7  
Canada

Zenzele Institute  
Contact: Esau Mngomezulu  
Box 534  
2000 Johannesburg  
South Africa

## Czech Translation of *The Economic Way of Thinking* Now Available

Atlas, in cooperation with the Institute for Humane Studies, continues to work with institutes in eastern Europe. The Liberalni Institut, one of the groups that Atlas has technically and financially assisted, recently completed the Czech translation of Paul Heyne's *The Economic Way of Thinking*. Lenka Kalisova of the Liberalni Institut in Prague personally brought a copy of the translated work to the Atlas Workshop. It was a delight for Atlas to see the exciting product, and it was also an encouragement to other institutes that are currently involved in, or considering, a similar translation project.



Lenka Kalisova displays a copy of *The Economic Way of Thinking*.

## Atlas Announces New Free-Market Environmentalism Program

Keen interest in Atlas workshop environmental sessions has highlighted the demand for a formalized effort to improve understanding of free-market environmentalism. Atlas Director of Public Affairs Jo Kwong will assist friends of Atlas to develop environ-

mental programs.

In her capacity as Environmental Research Associate, Jo will suggest readings, assist with translations, arrange lecture series, and suggest authors. She is preparing an essay that describes the free-market approach to

environmentalism, highlighted with examples from around the world. This article will be available to any institute that would like to incorporate it in its publications. Please contact Jo directly for more information.