



Highlights

Atlas Board of Directors Elects New Members

Atlas is pleased to welcome Alejandro Garza Laguera of Monterrey, Mexico, and Rene Scull of Caracas, Venezuela, to its Board of Directors.

Garza Laguera is a businessman with wide educational and philanthropic interests. He serves as Chairman of **Centro de Estudios en Economia y Educacion** (Monterrey, Mexico), President of Ducks Unlimited - Mexico, and Trustee of The Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.

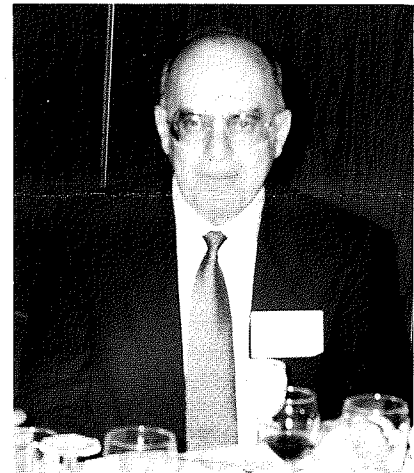
Rene Scull is a businessman with a history of service to independent institutes. He is a founding director of the **Hong Kong Centre for Economic Research** and a trustee of **CEDICE** (Caracas, Venezuela).

The election of these two board members, who have demonstrated a commitment to increasing economic understanding through independent research institutes, will complement Atlas's extensive programs in Latin America.

On the evening prior to the board meeting, Atlas and the **Institute for Humane Studies** (Fairfax, VA) co-

sponsored a dinner for board members and other friends of the institutes at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel of Tyson's Corner, Virginia. After dinner, president Alejandro Chafuen gave a special thanks to John and Christine Blundell for their long-time friendship and support. John is Chairman of Atlas's Executive Committee and Christine is the Program Officer and Coordinator of Academic Affairs at IHS.

In January, the Blundells will move to London where John will become General Director of the **Institute of Economic Affairs**. He will continue to serve on the Atlas Board.



Above: Alejandro Garza Laguera



Left: Rene Scull (right) with Lord Harris of High Cross (Founding Director of the Institute of Economic Affairs, London) and Margaret Thatcher

Institute News

Three Michigan-based institutes have joined together to create the **Coalition for Progressive Environmentalism**. The **Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty** (Grand Rapids), **The Mackinac Center for Public Policy** (Midland), and the **Michigan Family Forum** (Lansing) formed the coalition to "present views which encourage human progress and development." The Coalition will ad-

vocate responsible research on environmental concerns using science, technology, and knowledge of social institutions to find solutions compatible with free enterprise, individual rights, and limited government.

The Acton Institute announces the publication of the winning essays for the 1992 Lord Acton Essay Contest. "The Role of Religion in Fostering a Free and Virtuous Society" contains the three prize-winning essays and two honorable mentions chosen by Acton's

advisory board members. The deadline for submitting essays for Acton's third annual contest is March 1, 1993. Interested students of theology and religion are encouraged to contact Pamela Pettibone at Acton, 161 Ottawa NW, Suite 405K, Grand Rapids, MI 49503. Tel. (616) 454-3080.

In November, the **Pacific Research Institute** (San Francisco, CA) co-sponsored a symposium entitled "Regulatory Takings: From Pennsylvania Coal" (continued on page 2)

Fisher and Hayek Honored at Mont Pelerin Meeting

Two great 20th century classical liberals—Sir Antony Fisher and Friedrich A. Hayek—were honored in September at the Mont Pelerin Society meetings in Vancouver, Canada.

Most friends of Atlas know that Sir Antony Fisher was the founder of the Atlas Economic Research Foundation, and Friedrich Hayek was the recipient of the Nobel Prize in Economic Science in 1974. What some people are not aware of, however, is the important influence that Hayek had upon Sir Antony.

Fisher was keenly inspired by F.A. Hayek's book *Road to Serfdom*, which heightened Fisher's fears that people were increasingly turning to government to solve society's "ills." When consulted about the situation, Hayek advised Fisher that the best way to combat this trend was to teach the opinion leaders of the world about the real causes and effects of economic and social problems. Fisher decided the most effective way to do this was through public policy institutes that produce publications illustrating the free-market perspective about current problems and concerns.

Armed with these insights, Fisher

launched a lifetime effort of developing public policy institutes around the world. Starting with the creation of the **Institute of Economic Affairs** in 1955, he subsequently helped to establish **The Fraser Institute** (Vancouver, BC) in 1975, the **Manhattan Institute** (New York, NY) in 1977, and the **Pacific Research Institute** (San Francisco, CA) in 1979. To formally carry out the mission of developing and establishing institutes, Sir Antony incorporated the Atlas Economic Research Foundation in 1981. Atlas has been carrying on the Fisher legacy ever since.

Aside from his immensely insightful and influential writings, Hayek also created an institutional legacy for classical liberal thinkers. The Mont Pelerin Society, like Atlas, was the product of Hayek's foresight and commitment to a free society. From an early beginning as a small group organized and brought together by Hayek, the Society has grown in size to become one of the most important academic associations in the world.

With these beginnings, it was fitting that the two men were honored at the Mont Pelerin meetings. The fruits of their prescience and hard work is



Friedrich Hayek with Alejandro Chafuen in Argentina in 1982

evident in the increased international understanding of classical liberal ideas.

In his remarks following a slide show presented in honor of Hayek, Nobel Laureate Milton Friedman emphasized how businessmen and entrepreneurs, such as Antony Fisher, put the teachings of the intellectuals into practice. In so doing, they jointly advanced the cause of freedom.

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to Lucas." The National Symposium provided current information on the rapidly evolving state of regulatory takings laws.

New York State's three-time "Teacher of the Year," John Taylor Gatto, visited Portland, OR, in September to discuss why the current public school system actually hurts children. With the cooperation and promotion of **Cascade Policy Institute** (Portland, OR), Gatto conducted workshops for educators and lectured on critical educational issues. Educational reform has been a major focus for Cascade during 1992.

In October, the **Washington Institute** (Bellevue, WA) featured Judge Robert Bork at its sixth annual dinner

and presented him with its Columbia Award. Judge Bork was honored by the Institute for his "courage, outstanding scholarship and wise reflection on the judiciary's role in protecting freedom and strengthening democracy." Also in October, *The Seattle Times* published a commentary by John Carlson, president of the Washington Institute, in which he hailed suggestions for health care reform proposed by the **National Center for Policy Analysis** (Dallas, TX).

The **Barry Goldwater Institute for Public Policy** (Phoenix, AZ) released a report on market solutions and the Clean Air Act in conjunction with the **Competitive Enterprise Institute** (Washington, DC). A follow-up study will provide an actual blueprint for

implementation. Longer range plans include a study of the Arizona Corporation Commission, one of the most powerful regulatory bodies in the state. Other research topics on the Institute's agenda include educational choice, toll roads in Arizona, and term limits.

With assistance from Atlas, economist Allan Meltzer of Carnegie-Mellon University (Pittsburgh, PA), social scientist Charles Murray and theologian Michael Novak of the American Enterprise Institute (Washington, DC)—three leading scholars in their respective fields—recently visited institutes in the Southern Cone of South America. The classical liberal scholars lectured and led discussion groups in Buenos Aires, Argentina, hosted by **Fundacion Republica para una Nueva**

Generacion.

Murray and Novak also lectured for the **Centro de Estudios Publicos** (Santiago, Chile) and Meltzer lectured for the **Centro de Estudios de la Realidad Economica y Social** (Montevideo, Uruguay). In addition to their academic talks, the scholars met with a variety of leaders in each countries' academic, journalistic, political, and religious communities.

The **Instituto de Ciencia Politica** (Bogota, Colombia) hosts monthly luncheon discussions to bring together supporters of a free society. Recent speakers include Dra. Beatriz Rangel, former Venezuelan minister, and Carlos Lleras de la Fuente, author of the new Colombian constitution.

Thanks to the efforts of the **Liberty Institute** (Bucharest, Romania), students in Romania are gaining greater exposure to classical liberal studies. This summer, ten students participated in seminars sponsored by the **Institute for Humane Studies** and **IHS-Europe** (Paris, France). Liberty also provided academic support for graduate students from Poland's Academy of Economy Studies.

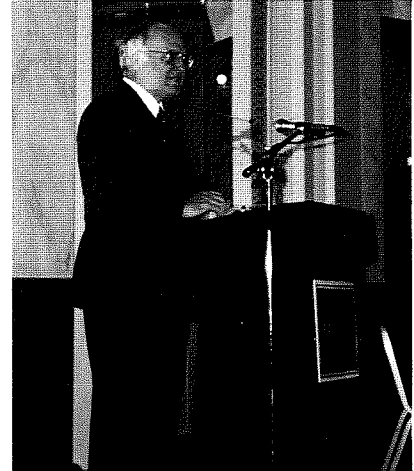
Liberty's president, Alexandr Tasnadi, published a dozen news articles addressing important issues such as "the spontaneous economy and the planned order," "economics and liberty," "ethics, morality and entrepreneurship during the economic crisis," and "subsidies are taking us back to socialism."

IEA-Ghana's (Accra, Ghana) first conference entitled "Prospects for Peace, Prosperity & Development in Ghana" brought together Ghanaian businessmen, intellectuals, and political leaders as well as American, Canadian, and European diplomats to discuss Ghanaian problems and to encourage the establishment of representative institutions and a multi-party electoral system.

Executive Director Dr. Charles Mensa reports that the success of the first conference was a catalyst for subsequent projects including a workshop on "The Role of Chiefs in Sustaining Democracy and Development in

Ghana;" a "Workshop on Economic Freedom for Women" held in conjunction with the Women's Committee of the Christian Council of Ghana; and a monthly "Roundtable at the IEA" to discuss ways to enhance individual freedom in Ghana. Roundtable topics have included "The Role of the Opposition in a Multiparty Democracy" and "The Economic Challenges of the 4th Republic."

The Institute also started to produce several publications including transcripts of the "Roundtable" discussions; "Economic Review," which provides economic data for the business community; and "Policy Analysis," which is a vehicle for scholarly views on public policy.



Michael Novak of the American Enterprise Institute in Washington, DC

Argentine Professor Develops New Law and Economics Course

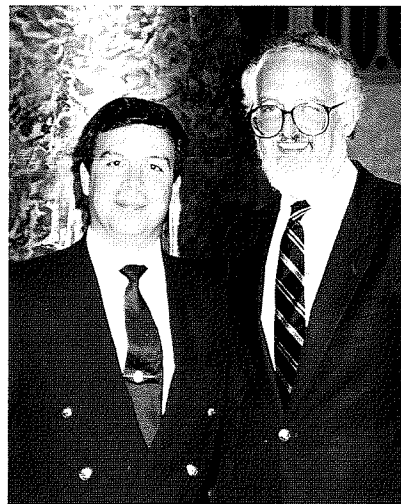
In upcoming months, students in Argentina will get the chance to learn about the multidisciplinary field of law and economics thanks to the research of Marcelo Loprete Depauli-Portillo. Loprete, who served as a fellow at Atlas and the **Institute for Humane Studies** in September and October 1992, developed new course outlines

in law and economics.

Law and economics applies an economic analysis of law to show the consequences of judicial rulings and legislation. It also points out how courts and legislatures can shape the law to protect individual rights and freedoms, while simultaneously contributing to the well being of society as a whole.

During his fellowship, Loprete, who holds a doctorate in law from the Universidad de Navarra in Pamplona, Spain, had several opportunities to meet with prestigious U.S. academic leaders in law and economics and public choice economics, including U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Douglas Ginsburg, Steve Crafton (Academic Dean of George Mason University Law School, Arlington, VA) and Nobel Laureate James Buchanan.

Loprete will have the chance to put his efforts to work when he begins teaching the newly-developed course at Universidad Austral (Buenos Aires, Argentina) in the Spring semester of 1993. Law and economics, which has steadily grown in influence during the past twenty years in the United States, has great prospects for Latin America.



Marcelo Loprete Depauli-Portillo (left) and Judge Douglas Ginsburg

Atlas Hosts First Institute Reunion

With hundreds of people arriving in Vancouver, British Columbia for the Mont Pelerin meetings, Atlas hosted an informal "reunion" to give Atlas colleagues a more intimate opportunity to get together. Over sixty representatives of Atlas-supported institutes met at the Waterfront Centre Hotel in August to share stories about institute successes and challenges.

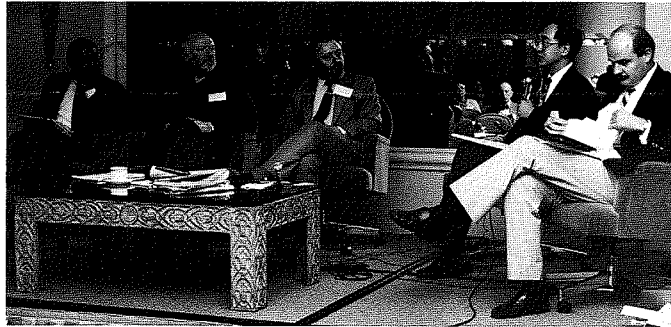
The gathering peaked with a sur-

prise visit by Prime Minister Vaclav Klaus of Czechoslovakia. Klaus's visit, arranged by Dr. Michael Walker of Vancouver's **Fraser Institute**, gave participants the chance to ask questions about changes in his country and in Europe.

With enthusiastic reports from the participants, Atlas is exploring possibilities for hosting a second reunion in 1993.



Prime Minister Vaclav Klaus with Enrique and Maria Murillo Gherse (CITEL, Peru)



Left to right: Shyam Kamath (Atlas Academic Advisor), Greg Lindsay and Michael James (Centre for Independent Studies, Australia), Richard Wong (Hong Kong Centre for Economic Research), and Alejandro Chafuen (Atlas)

Institute Reunion Panelists

- Asia** Shyam Kamath (India)
Richard Wong (Hong Kong)
- Australia** Greg Lindsay
Michael James
- Europe** Eamonn Butler (UK)
Mats Johansson (Sweden)
- North America** John Blundell
Robert Sirico
Virginia Straus
- South America** Jesus Rodriguez (Venezuela)
Ponciano Vivanco (Argentina)
- Special Guests** Vaclav Klaus (Czechoslovakia)
Michael Walker (Canada)

Local "Free Marketeers" Wanted

St. Louis businessman Henry Langenberg wants to help people organize local discussion groups to explore ideas of freedom and free markets. Langenberg, a self-described "fanatic for liberty" and his local group, The St. Louis Discussion Club, have been meeting for 37 years.

Mr. Langenberg has developed an extensive list of speakers who can lecture on a wide variety of topics. For more information, contact Mr. Langenberg, c/o The St. Louis Discussion Club 319 N. 4th Street, Suite 622, St. Louis, MO 63102; (314) 621-2033.

Latin American Fellowship Program

In August 1992, Rocio Guijarro Saucedo of **Centro de Divulgacion del Conocimiento Economico** (Caracas, Venezuela) joined Atlas as a Latin American Fellow. After spending four months at Atlas, Guijarro will return to her position as general man-



Rocio Guijarro Saucedo

ager at CEDICE, equipped with a greater understanding of program development and institute management.

Designed to help management level employees from institutes in Central and South America enhance their knowledge of institute work, the Latin American Fellowship Program is funded by a grant from the Indianapolis-based Lilly Endowment Inc.

The fellowships, which run approximately on a semester basis, are tailored to meet the needs of participants and the institutes they represent. To apply for the program, an institute's chief executive officer should provide a written recommendation and a resume for the candidate to Alejandro Chafuen, President of Atlas. Basic English proficiency is required.

Staff News

In commemoration of the 500th anniversary of Columbus' arrival to America, Atlas hosted a Liberty Fund colloquium entitled "The Legacy of the Discovery: Liberty in the Americas." The colloquium, directed by Atlas president **Alejandro Chafuen**, took place during August 27-30, 1992, in Vancouver, BC. Dr. Jose Varela Ortega, President of the Fundacion Ortega y Gasset (Madrid, Spain); historians Anthony Pagden, Luis Castro Leiva (both from Cambridge); and Roberto Cortes Conde (Universidad San Andres, Buenos Aires), and other anthropologists, philosophers, and economists affiliated with Atlas-supported institutes participated in a multidisciplinary dialogue on aspects of freedom in the Americas.

Also this fall, Chafuen attended a series of meetings sponsored by The Philanthropy Roundtable (Indianapolis, IN), a newly established grantmakers' association. Formed predominantly as an information-gathering vehicle, the PR also organizes forums for grantmakers to discuss philanthropic issues.

The Roundtable's first meeting in September focused on "public/private partnerships." Its second meeting, in October, dealt with "donor intent," i.e. the purpose of philanthropy. In November, the PR co-sponsored another Indianapolis conference with the Educational Choice Charitable Trust. The focus of the December regional meeting in Los Angeles will be "The Underclass: What's the Solution?"

Atlas strongly recommends people with philanthropic concerns to actively participate in the PR. For more information contact Kimberly Dennis, Philanthropy Roundtable, 320 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204-1725; Tel: (317) 639-6546, Fax: (317) 236-7370.

In August, Director of Program Development **Carl Helstrom** attended a conference for representatives of statewide public policy research institutes in Colorado Springs. "Reclaiming America's Institutions," sponsored



Mary Jean and Menlo Smith (Sunmark Foundation) with Kim Dennis

by the Adolph Coors Foundation, was led by former Secretary of Education William Bennett. Participants discussed strategies for improving public understanding of economics and politics at the state and local levels. The meeting also included a brainstorming session to develop new ways of marketing ideas to various social groups and institutions, such as the arts and entertainment community, the media, businesses, churches, and schools.

Environmental Research Associate **Jo Kwong** continued to share the message of free market environmentalism with students, business leaders, and other professional colleagues. In August, Kwong participated in a seminar aimed primarily at business school professors entitled "Explorations in American Business and Environmental Policy." The seminar, held in Big Sky, MT, was sponsored by the Foundation for Research on Economics and

the Environment (Bozeman, MT). Other participants included John Blundell (Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation, Washington, DC) and Lynn Scarlett (Reason Foundation, Los Angeles, CA).

Also in August, Kwong travelled to Aix-en-Provence, France to discuss ethics and the environment with an audience comprised largely of French students and local businessmen interested in classical liberalism.

In October, Kwong was part of the faculty for a Liberty Fund colloquium "Liberty and Current Issues in the Humane Sciences" conducted by the **Institute for Humane Studies**. Participants, representing business and professional colleagues of the Institute, had the chance to learn more about free market environmentalism, public choice economics and political change, new views of Western prosperity, and rethinking the welfare state.

New Publications and Translations

Cascade Policy Institute (Portland, OR) published its third "Fiscal Insight" entitled "Business Taxation: A Loose Cannon on a Dark Night" by William B. Conerly. The insight makes the point that, in every case, it is *people*, not corporations, that pay taxes imposed on businesses. Health care is another policy issue addressed by Cascade this year. The October "Health

Care Policy Insight" discusses why central planning has failed in providing health care. The institute is also distributing *Gridlock in Government: How to Break the Stagnation of America* by Roger E. Meiners and Roger Leroy Miller to influential opinion leaders in Oregon. The book, which was written for **The Mackinac Cen-** (continued on page 6)