

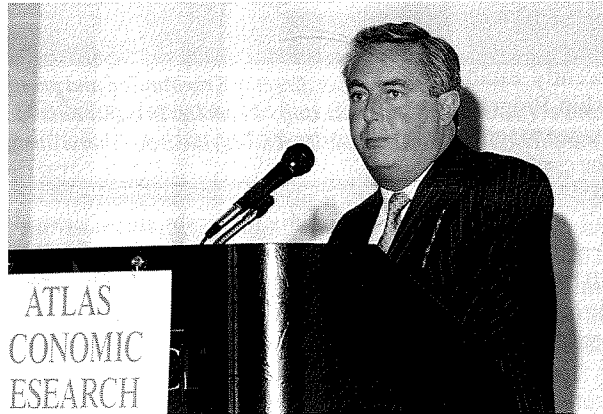


# Highlights

## Digby Anderson on Morality and Public Policy

In November, the Atlas Economic Research Foundation hosted a U.S. tour for Dr. Digby Anderson of England's **Social Affairs Unit** to promote the book, *The Loss of Virtue: Moral Confusion & Social Disorder in Britain & America*.

During his seven-stop tour, Anderson made luncheon and dinner speeches, appeared on radio shows, attended roundtable discussions, and videotaped commentaries for television broadcast for: the **Evergreen Freedom Foundation** in Olympia, WA; the **Cascade Policy Institute** and the Mt. Hood Society in Portland, OR; **The Acton Institute** in Grand Rapids, MI; Atlas in Fairfax, VA; **The James Madison Institute** in Tallahassee, FL; the **Claremont Institute** and **Claremont-McKenna College** in Claremont, CA; and the **Pacific Research Institute** in San Francisco, CA.



Digby Anderson, editor of *The Loss of Virtue*, on promotional tour.

*The Loss of Virtue*, edited by Anderson and published in the United States by National Review Books, is a collection of fifteen essays that seeks to restore "the old understanding that social problems are in part, perhaps large part, moral problems."

The book explains why the tradi-

tional virtues of American and British society, based in moral absolutes and individual responsibility, have been superseded by new moral concepts of relativism and egalitarianism. It shows how the traditional virtues encourage individual and national responsibility, (continued on page 6)

## Atlas Fellow Lectures in Argentina and Chile



Deroy Murdock

Atlas adjunct fellow Deroy Murdock carried the free-market, property rights message abroad when he visited institutes in Argentina and Chile last November and December.

Murdock, president of Loud and Clear Communications, a marketing and media consultancy based in New York City, is an active journalist with a keen interest in Latin American affairs. His journalistic skills have been recognized on several occasions, including an honorable mention in the **Institute for Humane Studies'** (Fairfax, VA) 1988 Felix Morley Memorial Journalism competition. His articles have appeared in major news-

papers, including *The Wall Street Journal* and *The New York Times*.

In Buenos Aires, Murdock addressed a variety of topics and audiences. He spoke on the perils of America's flirtation with neo-socialism to a group of 20 young people at a program organized by Gabriel Salvia of **Fundacion del Sud**, on the NAFTA vote on a radio broadcast, and on market reforms in Argentina and the American Clinton experience with staff from **Fundacion Republica**. Murdock also had the opportunity to interview Martin Krause of **Fundacion America** about the Argentine economy and Economic (continued on page 6)

## Institute News

The Acton Institute (Grand Rapids, MI) announces its new Bradley Foundation Visiting Scholar in Religion and Liberty Fellowships. The program provides grants for scholars from the formerly communist countries of Central and Eastern Europe to study in the U.S. and to lecture about living under totalitarianism and religion's role in securing and sustaining a free society.

The institute also recently established the Cook Fellowship Program to provide financial assistance to seminarians participating in the conference program, "Toward A Free and Virtuous Society." Named after the program's sponsors, Peter and Emajean Cook, the fellowships will help further the institute's efforts to bring the wisdom of free market ideas to future religious leaders.

Acton's lecture series featured Digby Anderson of Britain's Social Affairs Unit in November; Michael Medved, host of the PBS program "Sneak Previews" and author of "Hollywood vs. America," in December; and Dr. Russell Kirk, author of over thirty books ranging from politics to short stories, in January.

**Cascade Policy Institute** (Portland, OR) launched a better government competition in March. The BGC actively engages individuals and organizations in the development of ideas that encourage the reduction of government spending, increase the efficiency of government service delivery, and create private sector alternatives to public services and assets. Up to \$30,000 in honoraria will be awarded to facilitate the development of the best ideas into formal plans. For details, write the institute at 813 SW Alder, Suite 707, Portland, OR 97205.

In December, **Dumont Institute** (Dumont, NJ) president Robert McGee traveled to Latvia to deliver several lectures at the University of Latvia, to meet with members of the Latvian Parliament, and visit with leaders at the Latvian Institute of Economics. McGee found tremendous interest in his re-



Executive director Kris Mauren and president Father Robert Sirico of Acton visiting with the Atlas staff. From left to right: Kris Mauren, Carl Helstrom, Father Sirico, Alejandro Chafuen, Jo Kwong, Ricardo Ghersi, and Leonard Liggio (Institute for Humane Studies).

search on the tax problems of emerging democracies and has been invited to return to lecture further on the topic.

**Ethan Allen Institute** (Montpelier, VT) brought nationally-known health-care expert Donald Devine to meet with Vermont legislators. Devine was also the featured speaker at EAI's first institute dinner in January.

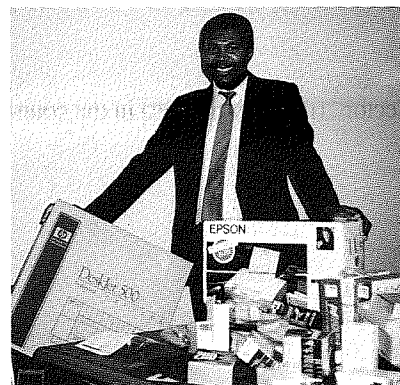
Donald Devine's January schedule also included participation at the National Town Hall Meeting on Health Care sponsored by the **Evergreen Freedom Foundation** (Olympia, WA). The program featured discussions of federal and state health care plans and free-market alternatives. The foundation's market alternatives to other policy issues are broadcast daily on the KVI radio show, "Government Waste Update."

Margaret Thatcher was the special guest at **The Fraser Institute's** 20th anniversary celebration luncheon last November. During her introductory remarks, Baroness Thatcher highlighted the role of The Fraser Institute and the **Institute of Economic Affairs** (London) in influencing public policy. Atlas president Alejandro Chafuen, a Fraser trustee, attended the event and extends congratulations to R.J. Addington, O.B.E., Sir Alan Walters, Patrick Boyle, and the entire Fraser staff for organizing an outstanding event and for two decades of service to the free society.

**Hong Kong Economic Research**

**Centre**, in conjunction with the School of Economics and Finance at the University of Hong Kong, sponsored two lectures by 1976 Nobel Laureate Milton Friedman. Friedman spoke about the opportunities for a second industrial revolution in light of technological and political advances (for example, the fall of the Berlin Wall) in recent decades. In his second lecture, Friedman addressed questions about economic progress, democracy, and social justice.

**The Institute of Economic Affairs** (London) formally launched the **IEA Environment Unit**. Through conferences, seminars, publications and related means, the IEA Environment Unit seeks to apply the principles



Charles Mensah, general director of IEA-Ghana (Accra, Ghana) displays the newest contribution from Atlas: an inkjet printer, a dot-matrix printer, software, and assorted accessories.

of public choice, law and economics, and the theory of market process to develop new approaches to environmental problems. Atlas's Jo Kwong serves on the Advisory Council, along with other academics, scientists, industrialists, and policy analysts, to assist the IEA Environment Unit in its work.

Thanks to a grant from the Friedrich Naumann Stiftung (Konigswinter, Germany), the **IEA-Ghana** (Accra) now has a new collection of books and videos for its library. With logistical support from Atlas, hundreds of volumes were shipped to Ghana in December 1993. To bolster its educational efforts, IEA-Ghana also received computer equipment and accessories from Atlas.

**Independence Institute** (Golden, CO) joined the growing list of institutes that offer daily and weekly radio commentaries. Independence's "Independent Thought" reaches folks in the north Central Colorado region each day with public policy messages from a free market, limited government perspective. The 90-second radio spots are delivered by senior fellows and colleagues of the institute.

**Instituto Libertad y Democracia** (Lima, Peru) reports that an Atlas grant to the institute has resulted in exciting property rights advancements in Peru. The ILD found that over 200 administrative steps are necessary for people to claim state-owned plots of abandoned land. The process, which typically takes more than four years, was the impetus for the growing "informal sector" (i.e. gray market) in the country. With this knowledge, ILD devoted itself to drafting legislation to simplify the property formalization process. Through its extensive research and pilot project, ILD set a new world record: it titled and registered 150,000 properties in just three and a half years. For more information, contact ILD at: Av. Benavides 881, Lima 18-Peru.

**Instituto Liberal do Sao Paulo** hosted a seminar entitled "Vices and Virtues of the Constitution" in November at its headquarters in Sao Paulo.



*Atlas president Alejandro Chafuen with Margaret Thatcher and David H. Race, Chairman of CAE Inc. (center), at The Fraser Institute.*

The featured speaker was Ney Prado, a political scientist and constitutional expert.

With a grant from Atlas, **James Madison Institute's** research advisor, Dr. James Gwartney, delivered a lecture entitled "Market Competition and Business Ethics" at an ethics conference in Poland. The conference, held in Warsaw early this year, was sponsored by the Institute for Private Enterprise and Democracy.

**Landmark Legal Foundation** (Kansas City, MO) filed two important new lawsuits this fall. One challenges the retroactive estate and gift tax provisions in President Clinton's tax bill. The other challenges the exclusion of religious schools in the original Milwaukee School Choice Program, where low-income parents can use state funds to pay tuition in private schools. The foundation has also resolved several lawsuits, including a case in St. Louis where Landmark represented public housing residents in their fight to be elected to the housing authority commission. For more information, write 1006 Grand Avenue, 8th floor, Kansas City, MO 64106.

**John Locke Foundation** hosted a reception in December featuring Jack Kemp, former U.S. Representative from New York and former Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Kemp presented his "Vision for the Future" to an audience of nearly 600 people.

Alexandru Tasnadi and Daniel Stancu of the **Liberty Institute** (Bucharest, Romania) visited several Romanian cities to lecture about the

country's current economic problems. The seminars, attended by NGO representatives, journalists, professors, labor union representatives, politicians, and others are designed to encourage citizen participation in the development of democratic and free-market institutions in Romania.

**Pacific Research Institute** (San Francisco, CA) honored the 1993 winners of its Second Annual Efficiency in Government Competition at a dinner in January 1994. Featured speaker, The Honorable Bret Schundler, Mayor of Jersey City, shared his views on "reinventing government." The twelve proposals developed in PRI's First Annual Efficiency in Government Competition are estimated to save taxpayers more than \$1 billion a year if implemented. The proposals are under consideration by the Wilson administration and the California state legislature.

**Pioneer Institute** (Boston, MA) reports exciting progress from its second Better Government Competition. The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority and its Advisory Board have agreed to test fully an alternative technology for water treatment. The plan, proposed by contest winner Professor Don Harleman, could save every Massachusetts taxpayer between \$175 and \$300. Chairman Lovett C. Peters says, "Pioneer's Better Government Competitions have already saved the Commonwealth over \$25 million. These competitions cost us less than \$150,000 per contest to run and are a win/win situation. No wonder they are being copied around the world."

## New Publications

*Quest for Liberty: America in Acton's Thought* is the first in **The Acton Institute's** Occasional Paper series. The paper, presented by University of Michigan Professor Stephen Tonsor, is a published version of the first annual lecture on Lord Acton's thought.

Acton's 1993 Essay Contest book, entitled *Liberty: Man's Highest Political End*, is newly available in 1994. The book details last year's winning essays and features an introduction by Professor Harry Veryser of Walsh College.

Results of **The Athens Institute's** (Alexandria, VA) year-long survey of public policy organizations (national and international), congressional offices, for-profit publishers and distributors are published in *Volume I: Public Policy and the Mass Media*. Looking at the past 50 years of the classical liberal movement, the institute evaluates the progress of supporting institutions. "Are we winning the war? Are our strategies successful? Can they be improved? Are we addressing the correct audience, or are we just talking to ourselves? Is the return on financial contributions as high as it could be?" The report is geared towards those with a pro-market orientation who are not satisfied with the status quo and hope to "change the way you think about the battle for a free society." For more information, write John Groom, The Athens Institute, 1800 Diagonal Road, Suite 600, Alexandria, VA 22314.

*Hidden Politics: "Progressive" Nonprofits Target the States* by Thomas DiLorenzo and published by Capital Research Center (Washington, DC) details how non-profit advocacy groups on the left get taxpayers to subsidize their activities by forming non-profit/government "partnerships." DiLorenzo explains how "The Non-profit Policy Agenda" poses a threat to the very notion of private charity by abandoning age-old notions of direct assistance to deserving persons and instead, adopting political advocacy



Bernard Siegan with Carl Helstrom, Atlas's director of program development.

instead. Other recent CRC publications include *The Gun Control Movement: Disarming the Crime Issue*, *A 'Perfect Marriage' of Special Interests—The Department of Energy, Restoring American Voluntarism*, and *Giving Their Regards to Broadway: New York Soup Kitchen Goes Back to Basics*. For copies, write the Capital Research Center at 727 Fifteenth Street, NW, 8th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005, Tel. 202/737-592.

*Why the Worst MSA [Medical Savings Account] is Smarter than the Best Bureaucrat*, published by the **Evergreen Freedom Foundation**, details the benefits of medical savings accounts in a short, understandable paper. For copies and a listing of other available publications, write the foundation at PO Box 552, Olympia, WA 98057.

Recent commentaries by the **Ethan Allen Institute** (Montpelier, VT) include an explanation of why the Vermont Corrections Department is regularly turning violent criminals out on the street after short stays in correctional centers, several articles on health care reform, an update on the hysteria over ozone depletion, and an analysis of a local land-use takings case involving Killington Ltd, a well-known Vermont ski area. For further information, contact the institute at PO Box 12, Montpelier, VT 05601.

A new monograph published by the **Hong Kong Centre for Economic Research**, *Air Cargo and the Opening of China: New Opportunities for Hong Kong*, examines the air cargo industry's

outmoded, anti-competitive policies that inhibit regional growth, prosperity, and enterprise. Author Joseph P. Schwieterman proposes changes that would enable Hong Kong to develop into an Asian air cargo hub by fostering greater competition and innovation within the industry.

With a grant from Atlas, the Institute for East-West Christian Studies at Wheaton College (Wheaton, IL) published a second Russian edition of *Ethics in the Russian Marketplace: An Anthology*. The monograph contains essays on ethics in an open society and includes Pope John Paul II's *Centesimus Annus*, Vaclav Havel's 1990 New Year's Eve Address, and a variety of perspectives on moral conduct in Russia. The institute is distributing the Russian publication in Moscow.

**IEA Health and Welfare Unit** published two new editions in its Choice in Welfare Series. In *Reinventing Civil Society: The Rediscovery of Welfare Without Politics*, author David G. Green advocates "civic capitalism," an ethos of solidarity which rests on personal responsibility and mutual consideration for others. In *Rising Crime and the Dismembered Family*, Norman Dennis calls attention to the role of a new class of "conformist intellectuals" in undermining common sense observations about rising crime and family breakdown.

Other books published by the IEA in recent months include *Social Engineering in the European Community: The Social Charter, Maastricht and*

*Beyond*, which shows how strengthening the "fundamental social rights of workers" harms Europe's competitive position and the situation of its workers; *Should the Taxpayer Support the Arts?*, which argues that substantial subsidization of the arts is both unnecessary and undesirable; *Major Issues in Regulation*, which is based on the second series of Regulation lectures held at the London School of Business; and *Medicaid: A Better Way to Pay for Medicines?*, which provides a fresh look at the way medicines are supplied and paid for under the National Health Service.

The **IEA Environment Unit of The Institute of Economic Affairs** (London) released its first publication, *Global Warming: Apocalypse or Hot Air?* by Roger Bate, director of the Environment Unit, and research fellow Julian Morris. The authors present evidence for and against the various theories which describe variations in climate over time, explain how crisis global warming theories have come to dominate, and how policy analysts should respond. For copies write the IEA, 2 Lord North Street, London, SW1P 3LBL.

*Energy Choices and Market Decision Making* is the third in the **Institute for Energy Research's** Studies in Market-Based Energy Policy series. This primer examines alternatives for energy policy including deregulation, privatization, tax reduction, and de-subsidization.

The **James Madison Institute** (Tallahassee, FL) added two editions to its "Backgrounder" series: *Would Florida benefit from a Cap on Government Spending?* and *Eleven Steps to a Safer Florida: How to Stop the Violent Crime Epidemic*. The papers are being circulated to public policy analysts, the media, state legislators and public officials in Florida, and Florida's congressmen.

**Liberty Institute** (Bucharest, Romania) recently initiated its Analysis series of public policy reports which will evaluate public policy proposals and offer market alternatives. The first

two issues address the current state of privatization in Romania and sources of inflation in the country (300% in 1993). Future reports will examine environmentalism, the social market economy, foreign aid, and free trade.

The **John Locke Foundation** (Raleigh, NC) devoted the February/March issue of the *Carolina Journal* to issues of crime and punishment. It offers contrasting views on the impact of the state prison cap on crime, the efficacy of gun control, and the morality of drug legalization. Other articles feature prison privatization, North Carolina's new "structured sentencing" law, the national movement to enact "three strikes and you're out" legislation, and ways to reform government welfare programs to rebuild families and stem the erosion of traditional values among young people. For details, write the foundation at 6512 Six Forks Road, #203B, PO Box 17822, Raleigh, NC 27619, Tel. 919/847-2690.

*A Prosperity Agenda for Michigan Cities* by the **Mackinac Center** (Midland, MI) examines the economic and fiscal performance of Michigan's eleven largest cities. It finds that excessive levels of spending and taxes are a cause, not a consequence, of urban economic decline. The cities need to reduce spending and examine successful cost-cutting strategies.

**Pacific Research Institute** (San Francisco, CA) published the award-winning proposals of its 1993 Efficiency in Government Competition in the newly-released compilation *Reinventing Government*. The publication will be used to brief members of the state legislature and the executive branch on critical ideas for streamlining government.

Also available from Pacific, *What Went Right in the 1980s* by Richard B. McKenzie offers a substantive look at the major trends of the decade. He notes, for example, that the poor gained more than the rich, that the annual rate of growth in total real giving was nearly 55% higher than in the previous 25 years, and that private assets in constant dollars grew more rapidly than

private debt, yielding a real increase in total private net worth. Contact Pacific for sales information at (415) 989-0833.

The **Social Affairs Unit's** newest publications include Research Report #18, *Who Benefits from WHO: The Decline of the World Health Organization* and Research Report #19, *Chatting International: How Unicef Fails the World's Poorest Children*.

**South Carolina Policy Council** (Columbia, SC) published excerpts from *Taking the Environment Seriously* by Roger E. Meiners and Bruce Yandle in a paper entitled *Superfund: The South Carolina Experience*. For copies, write the Council at 1419 Pendleton Street, Columbia, SC 29201.

Texas Public Policy Foundation (San Antonio, TX), led by former **Independence Institute** president John Andrews, released the first in a series of lawsuit reform papers designed to inform the election debate for 1994. *English Tailoring for Texas Suits: How the Loser Pay Rule Could Strengthen Civil Justice* proposes that Texas could render more justice and strengthen its economy by requiring the losing side in a lawsuit to pay attorney's fees for the winning side. *Punitive Studies Haunt Texas Business People* is also available from the institute. For copies, contact TPPF at 8122 Datapoint Drive, Suite #910, San Antonio, TX 78299.

Wisconsin Policy Research Institute's January 1994 report looks at educational reform in the Milwaukee Public Schools. *Why MPS Doesn't Work* shows how new programs have systematically failed to improve results in the school system and compares the failing system with effective organizations. The February report *Dual Education in the Madison Metropolitan School District* looks at differences in education for white and black students, noting, for example, higher drop-out rates and lower grade-point averages among blacks. For copies, contact, WPRI at 3107 North Shepard Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53211.

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while the new moralities are susceptible to bureaucracy and despotism.

The Social Affairs Unit, a British educational and research organization, fosters analysis of the social factors that encourage the development of free and orderly society. Its many interesting publications are available by writing to the SAU, 3rd Floor, 75 Davies Street, London, United Kingdom.

In the United States, *The Loss of Virtue* is available from National Review Press, 150 East 35th Street, New York, NY 10016.

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Ministry Undersecretary Alejandro Mayoral about governmental reform plans.

In the eastern Argentine city of Rosario, Murdock granted numerous interviews organized by Gerardo Bongiovanni, director of **Fundacion**

**Libertad**. He spoke on NAFTA, American crime, the Clinton health plan, and other examples of regulatory excess for radio and television programs. Murdock also met with businessmen at a foundation luncheon and the Peronist leader of the Santa Fe provincial legislature. In Mendoza, another provincial city in Argentina, he gave additional interviews for radio, television and newspapers and met with members of the Mendoza Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

While touring Chile, Murdock met with representatives of **Instituto Libertad y Desarrollo** and **Centro de Estudios Publicos** (both in Santiago), the Chilean American Chamber of Commerce, a British-Chilean investment banker, and others to discuss NAFTA, upcoming elections, and prospects for further reforms. From these and other interviews, Murdock has published articles in *The Washington Times*, *The Chicago Tribune*, and *The Charleston Post-Courier*.

### September 1994 Atlas International Workshop in East Sussex

The fall Atlas International Workshop will be held at the Ashdown Park Hotel in Wych Cross, England. The 19th century hotel, which once served as home for the Sister Marie des Saints Anges of the Order of Notre Dame, provides an idyllic setting for the workshop. Institute representatives from around the world will have the opportunity to focus on privatization and regulation.



*Ashdown Park Hotel in Wych Cross, East Sussex.*

## New Organizations

As Atlas learns of new organizations, we like to share information about them with *Highlights* readers. Often, Atlas has only a name and address or other minimal information. We leave it to you to decide if your interests overlap sufficiently to contact the organizations directly.

This month, for example, producers of a new monthly newspaper called *Wake-up Call America*, wrote to Atlas about its efforts as "a serious educational and informational tool for the general public in support of the basic foundation principles that this country was founded upon..." For more information, contact Greg Carroll, Publisher-Editor, *Wake-up Call America*, 7625 West 5th Ave, Suite 200-E, Lakewood, CO 80226.

## Translations

According to the US-Ukraine Foundation (Kiev, Ukraine, and Washington, DC), the Ukrainian translation of Dr. Bernard Siegan's book, *Drafting a Constitution for a Nation or Republic Emerging into Freedom*, has been very popular, particularly among parliamentary deputies. The translation was published in September 1993 and has been distributed to individual deputies, the leadership and Commissions of the Verkhovna Rada, the Cabinet of Ministers, and the Office of the President. Several universities and other institutions of higher learning have also received copies, as have the National Press Center and the headquarters of the Journalist Union.

**Instituto Liberal** (Rio de Janeiro) and **CITEL** (Lima, Peru) published Portuguese and Spanish versions of Dr. Siegan's book. To obtain copies of the Spanish edition, contact Atlas in Virginia or CITEL at Libertadores 350, Lima, Peru. For the Portuguese edition, contact Instituto Liberal, Rua Professor Alfredo Gomes, 28, CEP 22251-080, Botafogo, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.