

# HIGHLIGHTS

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## Greek Workshop Offers New Opportunities for Collaboration

On Friday, October 31 and Saturday, November 1, 1997, Atlas cohosted its first international workshop with the newly-founded **International Enterprise Institute** (Athens, Greece). The event, which focused on *New Information*

*Technology and the Free Society*, attracted approximately 90 participants from 14 countries.

Atlas was honored to have Mayor Stephen Goldsmith of Indianapolis, Indiana, as the keynote speaker Friday evening. Mayor Goldsmith told the inspiring story of how privatization and competitive bidding for city services between the private and public sectors saved Indianapolis taxpayers approximately \$240 million since 1992. The Mayor's first efforts to privatize city services were opposed by city employees and their labor unions who believed the new policies would take away their jobs. An agreement was eventually reached which preserved union jobs through transferral to other

departments or to private sector contractors. Through competition and free-market principles, Mayor Goldsmith has helped to make Indianapolis a model for other cities trying to reduce costs and improve services.

The presidents of the two host organizations, Alejandro Chafuen of Atlas and Greg Dounis of **International Enterprise Institute**, welcomed the participants and spoke of their optimism for future cooperation between International Enterprise Institute and the Atlas "family" of institutes. Dimitris Avramopoulos, the Mayor of Athens, gave the official opening address, declaring that the topic chosen for the conference was among the most vital in our societies today. The first session, "Political Implications of New Information Technology in the International Arena"

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Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith



(left to right): Aristoteles Karitinos (director of EURO BANK, Greece), Michael Fumento (American Enterprise Institute, USA), and Antouanetta Oikonomopoulou (Commercial Bank of Greece)



(left to right): Zef Preci (The Albanian Center of Economic Research), Atilla Yayla (Association for Liberal Thinking, Turkey), Greg Dounis and Anthony Livanios (International Enterprise Institute, Greece)

## Board Dinner Spotlights the Institute for Health Freedom



(left to right): William O. Sumner (Atlas Chairman of the Board), Candace Crandall and S. Fred Singer (Science & Environmental Policy Project, Fairfax, VA)



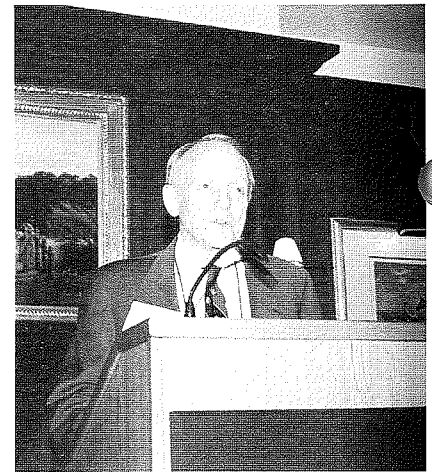
George Pearson (Atlas Board of Directors) and Sue Blevins (Institute for Health Freedom)



Jon Utley (Voice of America) and Tim Browne (Atlas Trustee)

In September, Atlas hosted its annual board dinner in conjunction with the **Institute for Humane Studies** (Fairfax, VA). The program featured Sue Blevins, president of the **Institute for Health Freedom** (Washington, DC), who shared her story of how Atlas and the **Institute for Humane Studies** (IHS) contributed to the institute's founding and current success.

As part of an IHS fellowship, Sue met with Atlas president Alejandro Chafuen and discussed the possibility of creating a health care institute. After much thought and exploration, Blevins created a non-profit institute devoted solely to health freedom. With Atlas support and advice, the Institute for Health Freedom was created with the mission to put health care decisions back in the hands of people. In its first year of existence, the institute has been represented on television and radio shows, published articles in the *Wall Street Journal*, and has offered an expert voice on key issues such as KidCare and cigarette taxes. Hats off to our many Atlas donors for their critical role in this success story.



William O. Sumner (Atlas Chairman of the Board)



John Blundell (Institute of Economic Affairs, London) and Stephanie Lee (Sunmark Foundation, Oakton, VA)



The Honorable Maurice McTigue (Center for Market Processes, Fairfax, VA), Linda Whetstone (Atlas UK), David Nott (IHS), and Dan Peters (Atlas Trustee)

## Program Explores Links Between Corruption and Lack of Economic Freedom

**Fundacion Libertad** (Rosario, Argentina) and the **Friedrich Naumann Foundation** (Konigswinter, Germany) cohosted a conference at the Bank of Boston Foundation in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The conference focused on issues of corruption.

Program speakers included economist Ricardo Lopez Murphy, a member of the Radical Party and of Fundacion Libertad's advisory board; Carlos Montaner, vice president of The Liberal International, a global organization of Liberal Parties, and a best-selling Spanish author; and Alejandro Chafuen, president of Atlas Economic Research Foundation.

Chafuen discussed the results of a study that he recently coauthored with Eugenio Guzman of the *Instituto*

*Libertad y Desarrollo*. (Santiago, Chile) *The State and Corruption*, published by **Centro de Estudios Publicos** (Santiago, Chile), found that countries with high levels of economic freedom, such as New Zealand, tend to enjoy the lowest levels of corruption. In the televised event, Chafuen mentioned how corruption had entered into policy discussions in Argentina, for example in Congressional debates on intellectual property rights, and why the environmental arena was likely to be the next area with a high degree of



(left to right): Alejandro Chafuen, Carlos Montaner, and Ricardo Lopez Murphy

judicial problems. Lopez Murphy and Montaner spoke about the importance of markets and democratic institutions for minimizing corruption.

## Atlas Builds Links with European Institutes

Charles Evans, Atlas director of public policy & information, toured Iceland, Germany, Sweden, Finland, and Estonia in late October to enhance Atlas ties with institute leaders in Europe. On this "Nordic Express II Tour," Evans lectured about the importance of independent public policy research institutes and the difficulties of regulating information-based activities. He met with a variety of professors, government officials, media representatives, and think tank leaders.

In Iceland, Evans met with Professor Birgir Runólfsson, a leading expert on Iceland's unique system of fisheries quotas, and the directors of *Andr°ki*, an independent institute that focuses on market-based environmentalism. He also visited the assistant to Iceland's Minister of Education to discuss privatization schemes, charter schools, and distance learning via the internet.

In Berlin, Evans attended the Economic Freedom of the World Index

meeting sponsored by the **Friedrich Naumann Foundation** (Konigswinter, Germany) and **The Fraser Institute** (Vancouver, BC). Attendees from Denmark, Estonia, Guatemala, and Turkey participated as a result of Atlas's efforts to help expand the Economic Freedom Network.

No trip to Sweden would be complete without a visit to the free-enterprise think tank, **Timbro**, and City University in Stockholm. Evans learned that Timbro is expanding its staff to concentrate more on environmental issues. He was interviewed about the internet and its effects on worldwide liberalization, taxation, regulation, and freedom of expression. The interviewers were particularly interested in distance learning, charter schools, and homeschooling.

In Finland, Evans attended the inauguration of the College of Classical Liberalism, a private educational initiative, which is being established by Professor Risto Harisalo of the University of Tampere with the help of

businessman Ensio Miettinen. Harisalo and Miettinen are eager to incorporate the work of Atlas's friends into their curriculum, which will concentrate initially on classical liberal economics, the effects of government policy on business, and an international MBA program.

While in Estonia, Evans met with the Program Director of **Jan Tonisson Institute (JTI)** to discuss issues related to fundraising in the USA for Estonian projects. JTI is currently focusing on pension privatization and market-based environmentalism. He also met briefly with Tarvi Martens, the managing director of Cybernetica, a computer network security company that is open to hosting interns and fellows from the West eager to participate in a transition economy.

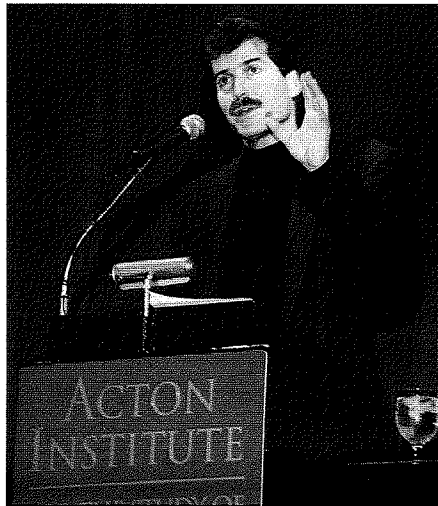
Evans said, "The three recurrent themes on this trip across the Nordic Region were pension privatization, market-based environmentalism, and private education delivered via the Internet."

## INSTITUTE NEWS

The Fall Lord Acton Lecture Series of the **Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty** (Grand Rapids, MI) featured guest speaker Dick DeVos, president of Amway Corporation. DeVos's lecture, "Rediscovering American Values," explored the role of virtues in the preservation of a free society. The series also featured John Stossel, correspondent for ABC's "20/20" program, who spoke on "Greed and Freedom."

The **Atlas Economic Research Foundation** recently donated 250 copies of Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith's book *The Twenty-first Century City: Resurrecting Urban America* to **The Buckeye Institute** (Dayton, OH), **Evergreen Freedom Foundation** (Olympia, WA), **Pacific Research Institute** (San Francisco, CA), **National Center for Policy Analysis** (Dallas, TX), and **The Reason Foundation** (Los Angeles, CA). To promote his book on reinventing urban government, these institutes hosted book signings with Mayor Goldsmith and distributed copies to influential policy-makers and legislators. Atlas also sent copies of Goldsmith's book to the mayors of leading cities in Argentina, Brazil, and Chile.

**Adam Smith Institute** (London) hosted an October seminar on the subject of *Rising Standards in Education* which featured keynote speaker Professor Michael Barber, special advisor to the Secretary of State for Education and Employment. Other speakers discussed "What schools can



John Stossel addressed Acton's standing-room-only crowd in Grand Rapids, MI

do," "A new role for LEAs (local education authorities)," and "Improving accountability." In November, ASI held a program entitled "Delivering Stakeholder Pensions," which examined issues in the current debates over stakeholder pensions and insurance.

Don Cayo joined the **Atlantic Institute for Market Studies** (Halifax, Nova Scotia) as its new president, replacing founding president Brian Crowley who has moved on to write editorials for *The Globe and Mail*. Cayo came to the think tank world from journalism, most recently as editorial page editor of *The Telegraph Journal* in Saint John, New Brunswick. Although AIMS plans to build on the important themes developed during Crowley's tenure as president, new



Panelists at Buckeye Institute's Symposium on School Finance and Reform

projects are also in the works, including a study of ports as engines of regional prosperity and a study of changing demographics in Atlantic Canada.

**The Buckeye Institute for Public Policy Solutions** (Dayton, OH) hosted a September symposium on school finance and reform in Ohio. *Education at the Crossroads* provided an opportunity for citizens and policy makers to hear about school funding reform across the nation.

**The Commonwealth Foundation** (Harrisburg, PA) reports on the controversial impact of its study *Privatization of Liquor Stores: No Threat to Public Safety*. Contrary to the claims of privatization opponents, drunk driving fatalities actually went down in each of the last three states to privatize their retail liquor outlets. County commissioners and state legislators continue calling for copies of the report. Opponents, on the other hand, are "not happy."

The **Evergreen Freedom Foundation** (Olympia, WA) is

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### Upcoming Atlas Workshop Focuses on Poverty and the Environment

The next Atlas international workshop will be held in Orlando, Florida on February 5th to 8th, 1998 at the Delta Orlando Resort in Orlando, Florida. *Poverty and the Environment: Global Lessons -- Local Solutions* features sessions on economic development, the environment, health, poverty, waste management, air and water pollution, eco-labels, international treaties, trade and related issues. Program speakers include: Harry Teasley, former president of Coca-Cola Nestle Refreshments Company; Lynn Scarlett, Reason Foundation; Roger Bate, Institute of Economic Affairs; Enrique Gherzi, CITEI; Cal Beisner, Covenant College; and Atlas's Jo Kwong. If you would like to register or need more information, please contact Elizabeth Haring at (703) 934-6969 or <elizabeth.haring@atlas-fdn.org>. You may also access our web-site (<<http://www.atlas-fdn.org>>) to download information and registration forms.

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launching a new program on private-sector welfare reform called "Faith-Based Welfare Reform: Restoring Families From the Inside Out." A two-year grant from the M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust enables EFF to help area churches understand the impact of the new federal and state welfare reform laws and the role they can play in meeting the needs of current or potential welfare recipients.

**Goldwater Institute** (Phoenix, AZ) directors and donors welcomed Vaclav Klaus, former Prime Minister of the Czech Republic, to Phoenix in November. Klaus, who spoke about the transition from communism to a market economy, was presented a Goldwater Medal for Economic Freedom.

Also that month, the institute hosted former presidential candidate Pete du Pont and John Goodman, president of the **National Center for Policy Analysis** (Dallas, TX), at a special breakfast for institute supporters.

The **John Locke Foundation** (Raleigh, NC) heard how sports arenas are "Major League Losers," from Mark Rosentraub, professor and associate Dean in the Department of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University. Speaking at a Locke Headliner luncheon in Greensboro, Rosentraub, who is a nationally recognized expert on sports stadium financing, spoke about the prospect of building a stadium to house a Major League Baseball team in the Triad, the metropolitan area that encompasses Greensboro, Winston-Salem, and High Point in the central part of North Carolina.

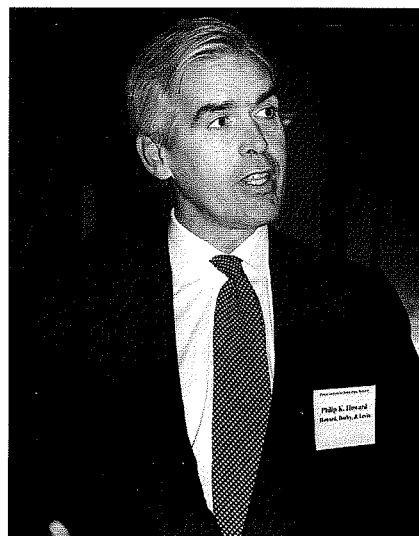
In September, former Vice President Dan Quayle addressed the **South Carolina Policy Council's** (Columbia, SC) council of governors (an advisory board to the board of directors) at the new institute headquarters. Quayle discussed the importance of the many state public policy groups across the nation, pointing out that the SCPC is considered among conservatives to be one of the most effective.

Chester Finn, Jr., noted educational reformer and Assistant Secretary of Education under President Bush, was the **Ethan Allen Institute's** (Concord, VT) guest at a round table luncheon in August. Finn discussed the politics of national standards and assessment.

Tired of private enterprises' bad rap? Get a copy of *Empire Builders: How Michigan Entrepreneurs Helped Make America Great*, a new book published by **Mackinac Center for Public Policy** (Midland, MI). It's filled with stories about triumphant heroes such as Will Kellogg, the high school drop out who became a millionaire many times over thanks to his breakfast cereals and entrepreneurial visions. The text offers a great counter to the standard image of business people as corrupt and selfish. Send one to your favorite grade school history teacher!

Mackinac's *Viewpoint on Public Issues* includes a condensed version of the Kellogg story in "Corn Flakes and Greatness." Other *Viewpoints* include "Union Racial Discrimination is Alive and Well," and "Why Does the Michigan House Want Schools to Waste Money?"

**Pioneer Institute for Public**



*Philip K. Howard, author of The Death of Common Sense, speaking at Pioneer Institute's Seventh Better Government Awards Dinner in November.*

**Policy Research** (Boston, MA) featured Philip K. Howard, author of *The Death of Common Sense: How Law is Suffocating America*, at the awards dinner for its Seventh Annual Better Government Competition. The November program recognized award winning ideas which offered cost savings for government-run programs in Oklahoma, Oregon, Massachusetts, and California.

**The Sutherland Institute** (Murray, UT) has been swamped with requests for copies of its publication, *Utah Schools At A Glance: A Consumer's Guide*. Predictably, the guide, which has been popular with parents, real estate agents, and others interested in comparing school ratings, has drawn the ire of public educators. Specifically, many are incensed that data on private and parochial schools are presented alongside information about public schools.

### Donor's Efforts in Poland Worthy of Emulation

Several times a year, Mr. John Malek donates hundreds of dollars to Atlas for the translation of free-market books into Polish. Mr. Malek enhances his donation by securing the translation rights and finding suitable translators in Poland. The **Liberal-Conservative Institut** (Lublin, Poland) has produced several translations including books by Albert Jay Nock, Ludwig von Mises, Bernard H. Siegan, and other classics of Austrian economics and free-market thinking. Mr. Malek's contributions prove that true and effective philanthropy does not take huge fortunes or grandiose proposals.

The **Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty** (Grand Rapids, MI) released a new book titled *Transforming Welfare: The Revival of American Charity*. The essays represent papers delivered at the institute's "Welfare that Works" conference held in Washington, DC, as part of its welfare reform initiative.

The **Allegheny Institute** (Pittsburgh, PA) examined the hypothesis that the public sector pays a wage "premium" relative to the private sector in its report *Is there An "Authority Wage Premium" in Allegheny County?* It contrasts the county, the Port Authority, and the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority with their private counterparts, and finds the data supports the public sector "premium" hypothesis.

The **Buckeye Institute for Public Policy Solutions** (Dayton, OH) offers good numbers to use in boosting public school reform arguments. "29% Increase in School Spending Fails to Improve School Performance" notes that graduation rates have declined since 1986 despite a 19.2% inflation-adjusted increase in school spending. It cites other research that confirms the lack of relationship between school spending and student outcomes.

The **Centre for Independent Studies** (St. Leonards, Australia) published *Transforming Government Enterprises: Making Radical Organisational Change in Deregulated Environments*, which provides case studies of five New Zealand "corporatisations" covering television, electricity generation, coal mining, computer services, and construction; *State of the Nation: Statistical Indicators of Australia's Wellbeing*, which provides a historical view on key indicators of Australia's performance, including crime, family data, unemployment, taxes, life expectancy, health, and income; and *Rising Crime in Australia*, which examines the role of fundamental cultural changes, including the weakening of the family structure, on

## NEW PUBLICATIONS

New Zealand crime rates which began rising steeply in the 1970s.

The **Commonwealth Foundation** (Harrisburg, PA) launched three new publication series: *First Friday*, a review of the headlines offering a conservative perspective; *Budget Tips*, an in-depth look at spending cuts that ought to be made; and *Education Watch*, an analysis of trends in education with a focus on the education establishment. These publications are available by fax or e-mail.

*Improving School Accounting: A Catalyst for Reform*, published by Commonwealth, asks whether schools

### Book Donations

Augustus M. Kelley Publishers of Fairfield, NJ, donated over \$5,000 worth of books to Atlas in October. The shipment, which will be distributed to institutes throughout the world, included *Elements of Theory of Value or Worth, Interest and Prices, Selected Papers on Economic Theory, Life of Adam Smith, The Economic Organization, and An Essay on Capital*. If you are interested in obtaining a book catalogue of economics classics, contact Mr. Fred Cheesman of Kelley Publishers at (212) 685-7202. Also, if you are in the position to donate books, Atlas can help you find institutes that can put them to good use.

are spending money intelligently. It argues that the schools' accounting system is geared only toward regulatory reporting and does not offer useful cost-benefit information for management and decision making.

*Law & Markets*, a new book published by **The Fraser Institute** (Vancouver, BC), is part of a project designed to examine the economic impact of Canada's legal system. The collection of essays from American and Canadian legal scholars and researchers examines changes in the country's legal system over the past 20

years, potential legal innovations, and potential reforms for the courts and legal institutions. *Tax Facts Ten*, another Fraser publication, examines how much tax Canadians pay to federal, provincial, and municipal governments. The book is intended to provide a non-technical do-it-yourself manual for the average Canadian family to estimate how much tax it pays, and secondly, to provide the Canadian Consumer Tax Index which measures how much the tax bill of the average family has increased since 1961.

The **Goldwater Institute** (Phoenix, AZ) aims to demystify the issue of electricity deregulation with the publication of *Electric Competition Primer: Layman's Guide to Competition*. It describes the current system for getting power to homes and tells how deregulation could change it. Future installments will explore how the current system fails, how consumers will benefit from deregulation, and the impact of deregulation on tax revenue, the environment, and other areas.

Goldwater also launched a second printing of its sought-after report, *Hotwiring Deregulation: How SRP [Salt River Project] Can Lead the Way to a Competitive Market*, which has been cited by several national publications.

The September issue of *HKCER Letters*, the bimonthly publication of the **Hong Kong Centre for Economic Research** (Hong Kong), includes "A Two-Track Immigration Policy," which addresses issues about immigration between Hong Kong and China; "Rethinking Economic Order," which considers questions about collectivism, individualism, the role of government and the interdependence of economic and political systems amidst the collapse of the Soviet bloc; and "Some Issues in Developing Hong Kong's Financial Markets."

The **Institute of Economic Affairs** (London) recently published *Economic Fallacies*, a collection of the best myth-busting articles written by  
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## Have A Good Privatization Story to Share??

The **Adam Smith Institute** in London is gathering information for a new book which will describe successful privatization projects around the world. If you have a good privatization example to share, please fax the information to Linda Whetstone at 44-1892-770873. Helpful information includes: the pre-privatization situation, the steps that were taken to get the activity from the government to the private sector, and the effect of the privatization. If the action was initiated by an Institute, please send details about how it originally publicized its idea.

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Geoffrey Wood and published in the IEA journal *Economic Affairs* over the past several years. Institutes on the Atlas mailing list will soon receive a complimentary copy of this book from the IEA.

The **IEA Health and Welfare Unit** (London) examines the strengths and weaknesses of the British pharmaceutical price regulatory scheme in *Should Pharmaceutical Prices be Regulated?*

The Health and Welfare Unit also published *From Welfare to Work: Lessons from America*, a collection of essays which begins with an American examination of the "culture of poverty." British experts respond to the idea that welfare claimants must be required to take and hold down jobs. Responses examine common themes that arise in discussions of welfare entitlements: are we blaming the victim? can we simplify human behavior? what about the effect upon children when mothers are required to work?

Issues covered in the November issue of **The John Locke Foundation's** (Raleigh, NC) *Carolina Journal* include welfare, school choice, publicly-funded sports stadiums, electricity restructuring, state budgeting, and state welfare reform. It's worth taking a look, if only to get a chuckle from the journal's great political cartoons.

In early October, the foundation distributed a column calling for the abolition of the Board of Transportation. Remember, ideas do have consequences: the idea of abolishing the board is now widely

viewed as a possible option and will be studied by an outside Department of Transportation auditor. The foundation has just begun to scrutinize the activities of the Department of Commerce.

*Murder by the State*, the September Policy Report published by **National Center for Policy Analysis** (Dallas, TX), argues that far more people have been killed by their own governments in the 20th century than in any other century. Yet, the pace of killing has slowed down in recent times for a surprising reason: Dead people can't work and produce and pay taxes. In a review of 31 "killer nations," one-half of the variation in the number of people killed in these countries can be explained by differences in per capita output alone.

*Brief Analyses* from NCPA addressed global warming issues in "Sick Argument: Global Warming and the Spread of Tropical Diseases," and "Kyoto Madness." NCPA also continues its focus on health care with "Best and Worst Ideas for Insuring Children."

*Toward the Next Massachusetts Miracle: The Limits of Economic Development Programs*, published by the **Pioneer Institute for Public Policy Research** (Boston, MA), analyzes state and local government taxation, spending, and regulation in Massachusetts as compared to those activities in other states. It also examines how they affect the state's actual and potential business community.

**The Sutherland Institute**

(Murray, UT) addresses the educational indoctrination issue in "Stop the Educational Tragedy Unfolding in Utah's Fourth Grades!" Policy analyst Sheldon Kinsel describes the historical biases and omissions found throughout the fourth-grade "Utah Studies" textbook, *The Utah Adventure*. While it teaches New Age concepts of earth worship and calls mountain men "greedy, violent and racist," there is no mention of the multiple uses (timber, recreation, and mining, for example) that are required by federal law across the vast majority of the state. The policy perspective calls for issuing a supplementary teacher's guide, finding a replacement textbook, investigating the review process used by the State Office of Education, and reviewing all currently approved textbooks that deal with controversial areas.

*What Went Wrong in Sweden?*, published by **Timbro** (Stockholm), contrasts two seemingly similar countries: Sweden and Switzerland. If anything, Switzerland, with its dearth of natural resources, should have fared worse than Sweden. Yet, something "went wrong with the Swedish economy after 1970." This essay sets out to describe what happened and why.

Most of the organizations mentioned in these pages are listed in the virtual phonebooks on the Atlas web page:

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included presentations by Theodosios Palaskas (Panteion University, Athens), Evangelos Venizelos (Greek Minister of Culture), Prokopis Pavlopoulos (Member of Parliament), and Jeffrey Gedmin (American Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC). John Varvitsiotis, currently a Member of Parliament and formerly Defense Minister of Greece, delivered the luncheon address noting that a democracy functions best "when people have the chance to influence politics directly and participate" in the political process. He stressed the important role played by independent institutes in civil and political society.

The afternoon session on "The Influence of New Information Technology in the World Economy" featured presentations by John Goodman (**National Center for Policy Analysis**, Dallas, TX), Peter Doukas (former undersecretary of National Economy in Greece), Anthony Livianos (**International Enterprise Institute**, Athens), and Edward Hudgins (**Cato Institute**, Washington, DC). "Politicization of Science in the Information Era" featured presentations by Antouanetta Oikonomopoulou (Commercial Bank of Greece), Michael Fumento (**American Enterprise Institute**, Washington, D.C.), Marios Liakopoulos (ONNED, Greece), and Yannis Tsoukalas (Aristoteles University of Thessaloniki, Greece).

Sessions on the second day

focused on "Roads to Full Employment" and "New Information Technology and the Future of the Environment." Constantine Christidis of Impact Business Consultants (Athens, Greece) discussed labor issues from the private-sector viewpoint. Manolis Kefaloyannis (Member of the Greek Parliament) and Dimitris Maravelias (ONNED, Greece) countered with several public-sector perspectives. James Bennett (George Mason University, Fairfax, VA), discussed how new technologies have changed the workplace in the United States and, in turn, opened the labor market for the most skilled workers. Bennett warned that those nations which are not able to meet these new challenges will stagnate economically.

In the luncheon address, Maurice McTigue (**Center for Market Processes**, Fairfax, VA) told the success story of privatization in New Zealand which he helped to bring about while serving as Cabinet Minister (of various departments). The afternoon session focused on how new technology affects the environment. Speakers Evrypidis Stylianidis (New Democracy Party-Greece), Helmut



(left to right): Dimitris Avramopoulos, Mayor of Athens; Greg Dounis, president of International Enterprise Institute; and Alejandro Chafuen, president of Atlas

Metzner (European Academy for Environmental Affairs, Germany), and S. Fred Singer (**Science and Environmental Policy Project**, VA) discussed global warming and the politicization of science.

The primary goal of Atlas workshops is to bring people together who share an interest in applying free markets, property rights, individual liberty, and other classical liberal tenets to salient public policy issues. The growing network of people who share these ideas is the driving force behind Atlas's mission. Already, signs of new cooperative activities and new liaisons are cropping up between public policy entrepreneurs in Greece and other countries. Future issues of *Highlights* will keep you posted on promising developments.

## Important Dates to Remember:

### February 1, 1998

Deadline for 1998 Sir Antony Fisher Award nominations. Visit the Atlas web page at <http://www.atlas-fdn.org> for rules and other details.

### February 5 - 8, 1998

Atlas Workshop in Orlando, Florida, Delta Orlando Resort Hotel

### June 2 - 6, 1998

Atlas Workshop in Rosario, Argentina

### August 27-30, 1998

Atlas Workshop in Charlottesville, VA, Farmington Country Club

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