

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR LAND VALUE TAXATION AND FREE TRADE HELD AT 177 VAUXHALL BRIDGE ROAD LONDON SW1V 1EU ON WEDNESDAY 1st APRIL 1987 AT 6.30 P.M.

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Present:

Mr R.Noyes (in the Chair)  
Miss J.Baker  
Mr F.Harrison  
Mrs J.Mernane  
Mrs D.Norris  
Mr V.G.Saldji  
Mrs B.P.Sobrielo

In Memoriam:

The Chairman asked the meeting to observe a period of silence in memory of George Lachner, a Vice President of the International Union, who had died in November.

Regrets for Absence:

Regrets for absence were received from:-

Miss J.Bastian, Mr V.H.Blundell, Mr R.Clancy, Mr G.Dunkley,  
Mr S.Frederiksen, Mrs E.A.Nichols and Mr C.Stowasser.

Minutes:

The Minutes of the Executive meeting held at the University of British Columbia, Canada, on 22nd May 1986, which had been circulated, were taken as read and agreed.

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

Sponsorship for the Sesquicentennial Anniversary Conference:

(Mr Clancy had written to the Secretary to point out that the term "quinquacentenary" used in the Agenda, was not correct and gave the correct term).

The Chairman gave the financial position of the International Union from the statement prepared by the Treasurer, which showed that at the date of the meeting, the International Union had a total of approximately £4,000 held partly in sterling and partly in American and Canadian dollars.

In view of the importance of this 150th anniversary of the birth of Henry George for publicity purposes, not only in the United States, but internationally, it was felt that early activity on the publicity front would be required. In order to finance this publicity, it was resolved that the International Union should instruct the Treasurer to arrange for the transfer of US\$1,000 from the International Union funds held in North America, to Mr George Collins for his use, subject to his providing receipts and accounts of all expenditure.

It was further agreed that the Canadian bank be asked to transfer C\$800 to New York from the International Union Canadian account so that the account in New York be kept adequately funded.

Discussion continued on the matter of sponsors and the Executive recognised that it would be appropriate to invite like minded organisations to jointly sponsor the sesquicentennial anniversary conference and agreed to empower the President to invite such sponsorship.

On the question of the Philadelphia conference accommodation, the Chairman said that he had arranged for Mr Collins to telephone London during the meeting to give any firm news.

Constitution:

The dissatisfaction felt by some members over the restrictive provision

of a three quarter majority of members registered and attending a conference to amend Articles I and II, gave rise to the inclusion of a discussion on the Constitution at this meeting.

After some discussion it was agreed to put on the Agenda an amendment by the Executive committee, to be taken as the first item of business at the General Meeting of the International Union at Philadelphia which would read as follows:

"that the last part of Article XIII Amendments which reads 'provided, however, that any alteration of Articles I and II shall require a favourable vote of at least threequarters of the members registered as attending such conference' be deleted."

(Clause XIII Amendments would, if the foregoing were agreed, read as follows:-

This Constitution may not be altered or amended except at an International Conference of the Union, and then only if notice of a proposed amendment shall have been received by the General Secretary at least ten days before the date for such Conference. Copies of any proposed amendments must be supplied to members present at the Conference at least twenty-four hours before such amendment is considered. A proposed amendment shall require for its adoption the approval of at least two-thirds of the members present and voting thereon at a Conference meeting.)

It was further agreed that the office of the International Union would conduct a postal survey of all members to see if there were support for a change of name, provided that a request so to do were received from a minimum of twenty-five members of the International Union, who may, if they wish, suggest a name which would be mentioned on the survey, to see which would be the most popular.

Any other relevant business:

The Secretary read a letter recently received from Miss Rawson in which she said that Richard Giles of Good Government had kindly offered to print excerpts from talks given at the Vancouver Conference which had hitherto not been available in printed form, and had sent a copy of the December 86 issue containing them to all the conference attenders. This cooperation was noted with pleasure.

Vote of Thanks to the President:

The Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Noyes who chaired the meeting, for his having made the trip from America to be present and for his providing supper for members.

Telephone call from Mr Collins, Chairman Philadelphia Conference Committee:

Mr Collins reported that problems had been encountered in finding a suitable venue. Pennsylvania University would be difficult in that members attending would have to eat, sleep and meet in different places, and in any case, the Conference could not be accommodated over the period of Henry George's birth as the University would be preparing for the intake of students. This latter problem applied also to International House where members could at least all be together and catered for in one building.

In the discussion which followed the telephone conversation, emphasis was placed on trying to book the actual dates we wanted if at all possible and the Chairman said he would talk to Mr Collins on his return to America and suggest accommodation be sought out of the centre of Philadelphia and not necessarily linked to student accommodation where the problem of dates would not then occur.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.