

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION
FOR LAND VALUE TAXATION AND FREE TRADE HELD AT 177 VAUXHALL
BRIDGE ROAD LONDON S W 1 ON MONDAY 3 NOVEMBER 1980 AT 7 P.M.

Present: Miss J. Baker, Messrs. Dan Bjørner, V.H. Blundell
Miss D. Edwards, Mr. R.C. Grinham, Mrs. E.A. Nichols,
Mrs. D. Norris, Mr. V.G. Saldji and Mrs. B.P. Sobrielo
Mrs. E.A. Nichols was elected to take the Chair.

Regrets for absence were received from:

Dr. D. Ascher, Messrs. W.E. Bland, Gustav Bohnsack, E. Buck,
R. Clancy, Lancaster Greene, E. Hougaard, German and Mirta
Lema, Messrs. Mitchell Lurio, J.J. Pot, Perry Prentice,
Miss Mary Rawson, Messrs. S. Sevenster, K. Tholstrup,
Rev. Archer Torrey and Mr. A. Toubeau.

Mr. Blundell proposed and Miss Edwards seconded and it was
unanimously agreed that Mr. Fred Harrison, Mr. Joe Kulsdom
(a Georgeist from Holland who now lived in England) and
Mrs. B.P. Sobrielo be co-opted on to the Executive Committee.

Minutes:

The Minutes of the last Executive Meeting held on October
19 1978 were read by the Secretary and unanimously agreed and
signed.

The Secretary asked that time be taken at this point for
him to read a letter he had received from Miss Rawson, Canada,
criticising the arrangements at the San Francisco conference,
particularly as regards the business meeting of the International
Union. Several members present had been at San Francisco and
concurred with Miss Rawson about much of what she had written.
They felt that the heavy timetable with several activities
taking place simultaneously and the frequent changes made, had
created an atmosphere in which it was very difficult to organise
the IU business meeting successfully. The problems that had
arisen stemmed largely from the fact that it was a multi-organi-
sation conference over which the IU had no control. It was
agreed that since the next conference would be exclusively an
IU conference and organised by the International Union and that
the business meeting would be attended by a greater, more
representative body of members, there would not be the problems
encountered at San Francisco. Mr. Bjørner, amongst others,
spoke in praise of the extremely well organised and enjoyable
IU conferences that had been held in the past at Swanik, Caswell
Bay, Isle of Man, etc.

Venue of the Next Conference

The Secretary said that at the Business meeting in San Francisco
Holland had been recommended as the next venue and from the results of
the questionnaire sent to all members, it had been the choice of the
majority of those who had replied.

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In view of these circumstances, it was unanimously agreed that the next I.U. Conference be held in Holland.

On the question of the date of the conference it was agreed that since most IU conferences became the annual family holiday for many, and this holiday often had to coincide with school vacations, the last week in July might be the best date.

A letter from Mr. Sevenster was read to the meeting. He had suggested holding the conference at Bergen - a north-west town in Holland that was near the coast. A Danish folk high-school there might provide suitable inexpensive accommodation for those not wishing to stay at an hotel, with the school providing the meeting rooms. Mrs. Sobrielo was awaiting further information from Mr. Sevenster.

Programme

It was agreed that during the week of the conference, one whole day be made available to Dutch Georgeists to organise as they wished - perhaps with a view to gaining publicity in their own country.

It was further agreed that a period be devoted to reports from around the world from Georgeist organisations, and a session for group meetings for the discussion of subjects chosen by self-appointed group leaders who had a special subject they wished discussed.

The main papers of the week would be commissioned by the conference arrangements committee, but unsolicited papers would not be excluded from consideration if they fitted the pattern chosen and were otherwise suitable. Papers for publication and discussion would be of an enduring nature, relevant to present-day problems and of a high standard.

Time would be allocated for leisure pursuits and sightseeing.

Treasurer's Report.

Mr. Saldji reported that the amount standing to the credit of the International Union was £1400.

It was then agreed to elect a Conference Arrangements Committee to make the detailed arrangements and the following persons were elected:-

- Miss J. Baker, Messrs. Dan Bjørner, V.H. Blundell, R. Clancy,
- Miss D. Edwards, Mr. R.C. Grinham, Messrs. J. Kulsdom,
- German Lema, Mrs. Mirta Lema, Mrs. E.A. Nichols, Mrs. D. Norris,
- Messrs. V.G. Saldji, S. Sevenster and Mrs. B.P. Sobrielo

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