

V. G. Peterson of the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation of New York, who addressed the students, Mrs. Serpell of Australia and Mrs. Williams of California.

Those who attended the International Conference in New York last year will remember the energetic and vital personality of Mr. Kul Bhushan Sharma and his determination to further the course of enlightened economic education in his country.

The demand for education is greater than can be supplied and teachers are greatly needed.

In a memorandum which we received from Mr. Kul Bhushan last month he states that help in the form of advice, literature and finance would be warmly appreciated.

## CONFERENCES ON THE LAND QUESTION

**T**WO conferences have been arranged to deal with different aspects of the land question. The first is sponsored by the Town and Country Planning Association, and is a conference to consider the Bill to establish a Crown Land Commission and to deal with related questions of compensation and development values. It will be held on Tuesday, 20th July, from 10.15 a.m. to 4.30 p.m., at the Assembly Room, St. Pancras Town Hall, London N.W.1. (opposite St. Pancras Station, Euston Road).

The addresses which will be followed by questions and discussion, will deal with the following:

- 1 The aims and methods of the Bill.
- 2 The views of owners, developers and professionals.
- 3 Local Government views.
- 4 The Town & Country Planning Association's views.

The speakers will be: Wyndham Thomas, Director of the TCPA; Henry W. Wells, Chairman, Commission for the New Towns, Senior Vice-President, RICS; George Howard, Chairman, Legal and Planning Committee, Country Landowners' Association; Herbert Ashworth, Director and General Manager, Hallmark Securities Ltd.; Sir Philip Dingle, Town Clerk, Manchester; a County Treasurer; Peter Self, Chairman of the Executive Committee. The Chairman will be the Rt. Hon. Lord Molson, President of the TCPA.

The conference fee including explanatory memorandum and conference report, is 30 shillings for members and 40 shillings for non-members.

Enquiries should be addressed to the Town & Country Planning Association, 28, King Street, Covent Garden, London, W.C.2. We understand that accommodation is limited and that early application for tickets is advisable.

The second conference is being held under the auspices of the College of Estate Management, St. Alban's Grove, Kensington, London W.8. The conference, which will last two days will be on "The Law and the Land — The Need for a Policy" and will be held on Thursday and Friday, 28th and 29th October, 1965. The announcement of the

conferences states: "That it will be of concern to Lawyers, Valuers, Economists and all who are interested in the fundamental problems of the land. It will cover rent control, leasehold enfranchisement, compensation and betterment and allied subjects. So far, most attempts to deal with these topics have treated them in isolation as *ad hoc* solutions without regard to their long term effects. The object of this Conference is to awaken national interest to the importance of co-ordinating legislation affecting land." Papers will be given on:

- 1 Private control of land use
- 2 Statutory control of land use through
  - (a) fiscal policy
  - (b) the physical control of land
- 3 Statutory intervention in private land use control.

The Conference will be opened by G. D. Blake, MA, FRICS, FAI and the closing speech will be by H. E. G. Read, CBE, FLAS.

Amongst those taking part will be: W. Britton, B.Sc., FRICS, FAI; Professor D. V. Donnison, B.A.; R. Jardine Brown, MA, LLB, D.LITT; Professor D. Lloyd, MA, LL.D.; A. R. Mellows, PhD, LL.M., AKC; F. G. Pennance, BSC; G. M. Peters, MSc; E. H. Scamell, LL.M.; V. W. Taylor, LL.M.; Raymond Walton, QC, MA, BCL; W. A. West, LL.M.

The conference fee for the two days is 10 guineas (including coffee, lunch and tea on each day). Accommodation is limited.

Further particulars can be obtained from the College of Estate Management.

## BONANZA IN THE BAHAMAS

**D**URING the last six months much real estate activity in the sunny Bahamas has been publicised in the national Press. A major selling point has been the fact that there are no land taxes. We quote from some colourful literature sent to us by a reader of *LAND & LIBERTY*:

"There are numerous benefits in owning real property in the Bahamas. For instance, there is no real estate tax imposed on unimproved property. Under Bahamian laws in effect at the present time you may purchase unimproved land in the Bahamas and hold it indefinitely without paying any real estate taxes. In fact, prevailing practice also permits you to build your home on Great Exuma and still not be subject to real estate taxes.

### *Growth and Income Potential*

"The basic consideration for any sound investment is the opportunity to make a profit. Land in the Bahamas is among the most desirable in the world. Nassau and some of the Out Islands have seen a fantastic increase in property values. A few illustrations of the tremendous increase in the value of land brought about by population growth and expansion are as follows. Inland, in the area of the Blair Estate on New Providence Island just outside Nassau,