

# THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS!

IT IS FALSE to claim that Russia had to choose between "common rights" and the "free market", according to speakers at the Moscow Congress on Land Policy on May 21. It was possible to enjoy the benefits of both, by marrying the private possession of land with the social sharing of the rent of land.

A booklet containing the abstracts of the speeches by the foreign specialists in economics, public finance and property rights was published in Russian and provided free to the participants, who included representatives from city and regional governments from as far afield as Siberia. The booklet is being circulated in the Duma and the upper house, the Council of Representatives.

The one contribution that was not published was by Ramsey Clark, a New York lawyer who was the US Attorney General during the presidency of Lyndon Johnson. The paper did not arrive in time for publication. Mr Clark, who made the

opening speech on behalf of the foreign experts, received an ovation from the audience after he appealed to them not to make the mistakes that blot the history of European and North American countries. His paper was translated and circulated among the leading politicians who attended the congress in the Parliamentary Centre.

Mr. Clark's paper, published as the *Land & Liberty Essay* in this issue, will appear in the book that will now be published in Moscow based on the proceedings of the congress. The book will include the speeches from speakers from the Russian Academy of Sciences and the speakers from two of the blocs of deputies in the Duma: the agrarian and the Power to the People blocs, whose leaders had applied to the Duma for permission to stage the conference on behalf of Fred Harrison of the Land Policy Council, London, and Dr. Vyachislav Zvolinsky, the deputy chairman of the Duma's natural

resources committee.

The British and US speakers were:  
**Ronald Banks**, "A Real Estate Market: The Russian Model"

**Edward J. Dodson**, "Traps in the Land-and-Finance System"

**Dr. Kris Feder**, "Optimal Land and Tax Policies for Success in the Global Markets"

**Dr. Mason Gaffney**, "Land Rent in a Tax-free Society"

**Fred Harrison**, "Political and Economic Consequences of the Privatisation of Land Rent"

**Dr. Michael Hudson**, "Privatising the Income from Land will depreciate the Rouble and Workers' Wages"

**Sir Kenneth Jupp**, "Land Law & the Constitution in a Civilised Society"

**Dr. Duncan Pickard**, "Land Policies as Tools for Transformation of the Agricultural Sector"

**Dr. Nicolaus Tideman**, "Farm Land Rent and the Renewal of Rural Society: the Self-financing model"

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