

## **Record Attendance at ECAAR's Boston Dinner and Russian Panel**

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Attended by some 90 people, ECAAR's January 8 dinner in honor of John Kenneth Galbraith with Amartya Sen was a tremendous success with five ECAAR trustees speaking as well as Robert B. Reich who addressed issues of U.S. military spending.

At the opening of the dinner, Ken Galbraith appeared larger than life on an enormous video screen. He said "ECAAR and the scholars here assembled have taken the lead on the most important economic and political issue of our time; that is the invasion of government by the defense industry and takeover with the military establishment of . . .the public sector." He decried ". . . the vast diversion of public resources to military technology, to weapons production and to the military establishment in general. And social deprivation elsewhere." He also decried "the conservative defenders of the system who in our time vote against the regulation and reduction of nuclear weaponry and most recently the nuclear test ban."

Amartya Sen praised the breadth and reach of Ken's economics, and said his own ability to understand the world has been "immensely enriched by the questions and analyses that Ken has put to us over the decades." Copies of both the Sen and the Galbraith speech are on the ECAAR web site [www.ecaar.org](http://www.ecaar.org), or they can be obtained from the ECAAR office. (212-557-2545)

Other speakers at the Dinner were Akira Hattori of ECAARJapan and trustees Lawrence R. Klein, Franco Modigliani, Robert J. Schwartz and Robert M. Solow, as well as ECAAR Chair, Jamie Galbraith, who introduced the various speakers. Also at the head table were Catherine Galbraith, members of the Dinner Committee and a few other ECAAR leaders.

ECAAR's Second Annual Dinner will be in New Orleans on Saturday, January 6, 2001. It will be difficult to maintain the standard of our First Annual Dinner, but we will try.

If you will be in New Orleans, please attend the dinner.

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