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THE INDIA CONFERENCE:

Invitations are in the mail for the 56th world conference of the International Law Association to be held in New Delhi, December 29, 1974 to January 4, 1975. An enclosed card is to be returned to New Delhi by those wishing further details. If it is not returned, American Branch members will hear no more, so that return of the card is essential for those expecting to be interested.

Thomas Cook & Sons, in collaboration with Air India, is offering to American Branch members a special tour leaving New York Christmas night with a rest stop one night in Paris to overcome jet fatigue and arrival in New Delhi on December 28. A variety of post-conference tours is offered in the packet.

A ladies' program is to be provided while husband's deliberate at the working sessions, and the Conference will recess on one day so that all participants and guests may travel by bus to the Taj Mahal in Agra.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BRANCH:

November 15, 1974 is the date of the Annual Meeting of the American Branch. The Executive Committee will lunch at the Princeton Club; the business meeting and panel discussion of the work of one or more of the Branch committees will be held at the Association of the Bar nearby, and the dinner will be held at the Princeton Club.

The speaker at the dinner will be Prof. Eric Suy of the University of Louvain who has recently been appointed to succeed Dr. Stavropoulos as Legal Adviser to the Secretary General of the United Nations.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BRANCH:

The bi-annual volume of the Proceedings of the Branch will go to press in early summer to be available to the conferees in New Delhi. As usual, it will be mailed to all Branch members prior to the Annual Meeting of the Branch. Branch committees are proceeding under the guidance of Branch Vice President G.W. Haight, to prepare reports for inclusion in the volume and for submission at New Delhi.

LUNCHEON MEETINGS:

Collaboration with the American Foreign Law Association will continue during the winter of 1974-1975. Luncheons will be held monthly at the Lawyer's Club, 115 Broadway, New York (next to Trinity Church) at noon. A schedule of speakers will be distributed to Branch members in the autumn.

Mid-town luncheons may also be held on occasion during the winter to accommodate Branch members who cannot go downtown at noontime. The emphasis will be upon practical problems met in the practice of international public and private law.

COLLABORATION WITH THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW:

A panel sponsored by the Branch will be organized at the Annual Meeting of the American Society in April 1975. The panel chaired by Branch Vice President G.W. Haight at the 1974 meeting of the Society aroused considerable interest due to discussion of problems of U.S. investment in Mexico.

NEWS OF MEMBERS:

The U.S. Delegation to the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea to be held in Venezuela in August 1974 will include Branch members, John R. Stevenson, G.W. Haight, Cecil Olmstead, Louis B. Sohn, R.R. Baxter, and John Norton Moore.

Stephen M. Schwebel is accepting an appointment as Deputy Legal Adviser of the Department of State following his year as professor in residence. He is resigning his long-held position as Executive Vice President of the A.S.I.L

Theodore M. Giuttari, formerly Honorary Secretary of the Branch is serving as Coordinator for American Branch Participation in the 56th I.L.A. Conference, building upon his experience in coordinating the logistics of the 55th Conference when it was held in New York, when he was Honorary Secretary.

Aaron N. Wise is the author of the recently published 3 volume treatise (Clark Boardman & Co.) "Trade Secrets and Know-How Throughout the World."

Dr. Miriam Theresa Rooney will serve as Adviser to the Delegation of the Holy See at the Venezuela conference on the Law of the Sea. In February she received the Alumni Award for distinguished service at George Washington University.

Edith Sommerich, widow of the Branch's late Honorary Branch Vice President, Otto C. Sommerich, and mother of Branch member Jane Sommerich, died on January 24, 1974. A memorial service was held for her at the New School for Social Research in the room dedicated to her and her husband.

BRANCH BY-LAWS:

At its meeting of June 7, 1974 the Branch's Executive Committee adopted the first By-Laws of the Branch. Previously the Branch has functioned solely under the terms of its Constitution (published in the bi-annual Proceedings of the Branch).

While most of the matters treated in the new By-Laws are routinely necessary for orderly functioning of the Branch, some few matters are of general concern to the Branch's membership. Among these are establishment of a minimum requirement of attendance at meetings of the Executive Committee which must be met by those standing for reelection to the Committee; specific reference to the appointment of working committees of the Branch so that these committees may have formal standing within the branch comparable to the importance they have achieved in recent years in preparation for Branch participation at the international conferences of the I.L.A.; and statement of the Honorary Secretary's duty to edit and publish the bi-annual Proceedings of the Branch. These Proceedings have been for some years the principal publication of the Branch, sent to all Branch members and distributed to Law Libraries.

FINANCES OF THE BRANCH:

The Honorary Treasurer's report on the Branch's finances was submitted and approved by the Executive Committee at its June 7, 1974 meeting. The international conference years are always years of considerable expense due to the necessity of printing the bi-annual Proceedings for distribution at the I.L.A.'s conference. At current membership levels, funds will be available to meet this expense together with the routine operating expenses of the Branch. A full report will be made available to members at the Annual Meeting of the Branch on November 15, 1974.

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AUTUMN LUNCHEON MEETINGS

Luncheon meetings have been arranged in cooperation with the American Foreign Law Association. Members may attend by reserving a place the preceding day with Branch Member Andrew Freeman (212–944-8189). Bring a check for the cost to the door. Lunch begins at noon and the session terminates just before 2:00 P.M. The location continues to be the Lawyers Club, 115 Broadway (Near Trinity Church at the Wall Street subway station). The sessions through January are:

- Sept. 11 "Bank secrecy in Switzerland" Boris Kostelanetz of the New York Bar.
- Oct. 9 "After Caracas—The Law of the Sea" G.W. Haight of the New York Bar and participant in the Caracas Conference.
- Nov. 13 "Legal aspects of the restructuring of the international monetary system" Cynthia Crawford Lichtenstein, Professor of Law, Boston College Law School.
- Dec. 11 "Chinese Trade Patterns." A panel discussion including the Chinese view. Chairman, David Buxbaum of the New York Bar.
- Jan. 15 "The United States—United Kingdom Convention on Recognition of Judgments." Arthur Taylor von Mehren, Professor of Law, The Harvard Law School.

INTERNATIONAL LAW WEEK-END IN NEW YORK

The Branch's Annual Meeting has been expanded to a two-day conference and meeting to be held at the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, 42 West 44th Street on November 15 and 16, 1974. The cooperating associations are the Association of the Bar and the American Society of International Law. Plans have been arranged by Prof. Alona E. Evans of the Branch and Keith Highet of the two Associations.

Activities begin with the business meeting of the American Branch to be held at the Association of the Bar at 2:15 P.M., following a noon luncheon of the Branch's Executive Committee at the Princeton Club.

Afternoon panels from 4 to 6 P.M. will be:

"The Multi-national Corporation and the Law," to be conducted by the Branch Committee on Multi-national corporations, Professor Don Wallace, Jr., chairman.

"A seminar on international monetary law," to be conducted by the Branch Committee on International monetary law, Dr. Charles Evan, Chairman.

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Evening Dinner from 7:15 P.M. to 10:15 P.M. at the Princeton Club, 11 West 43rd Street. Speaker, Eric Suy, Professor of Law at the University of Louvain and newly appointed Legal Adviser to the Secretary General of the United Nations.

Saturday morning panels from 9:30 to 12:30 at the Association of the Bar.

"After Caracas—What Comes Next for the Law of the Sea." conducted by a committee of participants at the Caracas Conference, and chaired by Richard R. Baxter, President of the American Society of International Law.

"Seminar on International Terrorism." conducted by the International Committee of the I.L.A. on International Terrorism, Professor Alona E. Evans, chairperson.

Luncheons may be arranged in the neighborhood, which is near prominent restaurants, and a cash bar reception is planned for the afternoon. Branch committee chairmen may call committee meetings in preparation for New Delhi discussions.

A program for non-participating spouses is being arranged by the Branch's reception committee to include museums, television shows, shopping and theaters.

A formal invitation will be sent in October to Branch members to permit them to subscribe to the dinner.

THE INDIA CONFERENCE

All members have received from Air India brochures on the program for the New Delhi Conference and tours that are being offered for subscription by participants. A special tour for the American Branch members leaves John F. Kennedy Airport, New York, at 8:45 P.M. December 25, by Air India, stopping over one night in Paris to overcome jet fatigue, and continuing to New Delhi to arrive for a second night of rest before the opening of the Conference on December 29. Thomas Cook is making arrangements (587 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017, Congress Department). This tour provides a post conference tour to Jaipur, Udaipur and Bombay before returning to New York with an overnight stop in London to reach Kennedy airport on January 10. Thomas Cook will also book alternative pre-conference or post-conference tours offered by Cox & Kings of New Delhi, these tours going north to Katmandu, or south to Madras with stops along the way on each. All conference participants will visit the Taj Mahal while the Conference is in recess at mid-week.

New Branch members may find it useful in planning their New Delhi week to know that the working sessions of the conference are conducted by the various International Committees, each one usually taking charge of one morning or afternoon session. On some days several sessions are conducted simultaneously in different suites. New Delhi sessions will be conducted by the International Committees on Air Law, International Commercial Arbitration, Conservation of the Environment, Foreign Investment in Developing Countries, Human Rights, Law of the Sea, International Medical Law, International Monetary Law, Outer Space, Pacific Settlement of International Disputes, Road Traffic Accidents, International Security and Cooperation, International Terrorism, and Water Resources Law.

Under I.L.A. Rules participants appear as individuals and not as members of national delegations. Thus, any member of the I.L.A. who can catch the president's eye may speak. In practice presidents try to select speakers from different countries, and usually choose on the first round from among chairmen of national Branch committees in the same field. Thereafter, others are called upon, and speakers may, of course, dissent from the position taken by the committee chairman of their own national Branch.

Speakers are invited to put on paper a brief summary of what they have said so that it can be included in the printed record, a copy of which will appear in the volume of Proceedings of the Conference sent to every member of every national Branch. American Branch members will receive their personal copies from the English printer when it has been published.

Spouses of participants pay a registration fee, and participate in a program arranged by the Indian Branch for them. Their names should be included on the advance registration form which has been sent by Air India to every American Branch member.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE AMERICAN BRANCH

Reports of the Branch committees are being printed in a volume of Proceedings of the American Branch, which will be sent to every Branch member and also distributed in New Delhi. It contains the names of officers and committee members of the Branch and summary minutes of its various meetings during the past two years. A full list of the American Branch members will be printed only in the volume of the Conference printed in England, it having become too expensive to duplicate this list in the Branch volume as well.