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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 Monday with Branch Member Andrew Freeman (212-944-8189). Bring your personal check for the cost to the door when claiming your reservation. Guests may be invited by you. 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:

September 15 — "The new UNCITRAL Rules of Procedure for International Commercial Arbitrations."

Howard M. Holtzman, Chairman, American Arbitration Association.

October 13 — "A View from the Bench on Problems of Foreign Law."

Milton Pollack, Judge, U.S. District Judge, Southern District, New York.

November 10 — "Drafting contracts in U.S. — Soviet Trade."

Daniel D. Stein, Member of the Legal Staff, Bureau of East-West Trade, U.S. Department of Commerce.

December 8 — "Workers Participation in German Corporation Governance: What are the ramifications of new legislation?"

Ernest Stiefel, Member of the German and New York Bars.

January 12 — "Questionable Payments Abroad."

Orville Schell, Past President of the Association of The Bar of the City of New York.

INTERNATIONAL LAW WEEKEND IN NEW YORK, Nov. 12-13.

Two days of round tables, seminars, luncheons and dinners have been arranged for the House of the Association of the Bar, 42 West 44th Street, New York. The program, sponsored jointly by the American Branch, I.L.A., The American Society of International Law and the Association of the Bar is being held for the third time, beginning at 2:30 P.M. Friday afternoon (the statutory meeting of the Branch) and opening the panel discussions at 4:00 P.M.

The dinner speaker Friday evening at the Princeton Club (7:00 P.M.) is the Ambassador of Singapore to the United Nations, a noted authority on the law of the sea. The Saturday luncheon speaker will be Richard R. Baxter, past President of the American Society of International Law. The panels as announced by the Program Committee (Alona E. Evans, chair) are:

Friday afternoon: 4:00 P.M. November 12, 1976

Panel: "Questionable Foreign Payments," Robert von Mehren of the New York Bar in the chair.

Seminar: "International Investment: Focus United States." Barbara Rossotti of the District of Columbia Bar, chair.

Saturday morning: 10:00 A.M. November 13, 1976

Panel: "Sovereign Immunity," Charles N. Brower of the District of Columbia Bar, chair.

Seminar: "Is International Terrorism Beyond Legal Control?" Alona E. Evans, Professor of International Law, Wellesley College, chair.

Saturday afternoon: 2:30 P.M.

Panel: "United Nations Law-Making and the Private Sector," Oscar Schacter, Professor of International Law, Columbia University, chair.

A hospitality table will be conducted for spouses and guests of members by the hospitality committee (Susan L. Hazard, chair). It will provide information on what to do in New York while spouses are attending the sessions. Non-lawyer spouses are welcome at the dinner and luncheon meetings.

Registration is free: charges for the dinner and luncheon will be made, of course, and tickets sold by the Honorary Secretary General of the Branch, James P. Beggans, Jr., 14 Wall Street—19th floor, New York, N.Y. 10005. Details of costs and the full program will be given in the Newsletter No. 10 to be issued October 15, 1976.

THE MADRID CONFERENCE: August 29 - September 4.

The Madrid conference will be in session when stay-at-homes receive this newsletter. An American Branch delegation led by the Chairman of the Board, the President and the Secretary-Treasurer will be in attendance. Branch committee reports were printed in a Conference booklet for distribution among non-Branch members prior to debates on the agenda topics. The Branch also shared with the United Kingdom Branch in financing the attendance of Prof. R.Y. Jennings, Q.C. of the University of Cambridge to permit him to give a memorial lecture in honor of Lord McNair. The topic was, "The Troubles of International Law." The Branch's contribution was made possible by release from a restricted grant of funds for the purpose. Proceedings of the Conference will be published by the London Headquarters of the I.L.A. and mailed without special charge to members of the American Branch, the cost coming from part of the dues forwarded to the Headquarters by the Branch to meet expenses.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BRANCH:

The Secretary-Treasurer is mailing to Branch members in September copies of the Branch Proceedings, which are published biennially. These contain the address on making law by consensus given by Eric Suy, the Under Secretary General of the United Nations, at the 1974 International Law Week-end, the address by Monroe Leigh, The Legal Adviser, Department of State, on the foreign relations function given at the 1975 International Law Week-end, abstracts of 1975 panels and seminars, minutes of meetings of the Branch, and a roster of members with their addresses.

CASSETTES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW WEEK-ENDS.

Selected panels and seminars from the 1974 and 1975 International Law Week-ends are being sold by Oceana/Condyne, 75 Main Street, Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. 10522. These are: Multi-national Corporations (Nos. 1001-2); International Law and Economic Aggression (Nos. 1003-4); Rights of Aliens in the USA: A Practitioners' Panel (Nos. 1006-7); and a magisterial review by Prof. Myres S. McDougal on American Perspectives in International Law (Nos. 1005). Each cassette costs \$20, so that the two-cassette sets cost \$40.

NEWS FROM LONDON

The Executive Council of the I.L.A. met in London May 15, 1976. The Chairman of the Executive Committee of the American Branch was present, serving as Vice Chairman of the Executive Council, a post to which he was elected at the New Delhi Conference. Delegates attended from the following Branches: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Federal Republic of Germany, German Democratic Republic, Hungary, India, Italy, Japan, Norway, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, United Kingdom, U.S.S.R., the U.S.A. and Yugoslavia.

The first concern was the plan for the Madrid conference, but the problem of finances was of major priority. Dues payable by the Branches to Headquarters on behalf of each of their members which have been \$9 for 1976, will be raised to \$10 if the Madrid conference approves. The I.L.A.'s funds have been moved to the Netherlands to avoid further possible depreciation of the Pound Sterling.

Officers elected for a four year term were: Chairman: Lord Wilberforce; Treasurer: Dr. K.W. Cuperous; Secretary General; John Edwards.

The Director of Studies, Prof. D.P. O'Connell, indicated the status of the studies in progress within the various International Committees, and various members were named to these committees to fill vacancies. In response to an indication by the Eastern European states that they are not adequately represented in the work of the Association, various proposals, including committee chairmanships were considered. Thought was also given to resolving the problem which has arisen in many international organizations, namely what the Branch which has long existed in Taiwan might be called appropriately. One principle was reasserted by several Branches, including the American Branch, and that is that the I.L.A. will continue to resist outside pressures with regard to its membership, as it has always done in the past. It is an association of scholars, who are grouped for the sake of convenience in national branches, but these never vote as a unit at the International Conferences and have never been recognized by the Association as the voice of any given country.

Two new International Committees are in process of organization: International Criminal Law and Collisions at Sea. Some International Committees were criticized for inactivity.

INDEX TO CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

Headquarters mailed during the spring to paid-up members the long awaited Index of the Reports of Conferences (1873-1972), published by the I.L.A. in 1975 at its headquarters, 3 Paper Buildings, Temple, London, E.C. 4., England. This is a hand-prepared (no computer work) guide of 220 pages which will be indispensable for libraries holding the biennial volumes of Proceedings of the 55 conference reports. There are both subject and author indexes.

BICENTENNIAL CONFERENCE IN PHILADELPHIA.

The Bicentennial Conference co-sponsored by the Branch with the American Society of International Law, the Section of International Law of the American Bar Association, and the Philadelphia Affairs Council was held at the University Hilton Hotel, Philadelphia, on March 26-27, 1976. The theme was "International Interdependence," panels being focussed on the United Nations Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and on two commodities: oil and food. Overall policy was debated, and the factual situations, as they appear to the producing countries and the two types of consuming countries; the developed and developing, were presented. The Branch assumed responsibility for inviting the specialists from abroad, as it has the contacts. The Branch President chaired one session, and Charles N. Brower, member of the Branch's executive committee presented his criticism of the Charter on Economic Rights and Duties. Branch member, Dr. Sayed M. Hosni, former legal adviser to OPEC, gave the producers' views.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SPRING MEETING.

Members of the Branch's Executive Committee met in June in New York as is their custom to review the Program Committee plans for the International Law Week-end 1976; to consider the program for the Madrid Conference; to review Branch committee work; and to consider financial matters.