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SPRING LUNCHEON MEETINGS

Luncheon meetings will be held throughout the spring in continuation of the monthly sessions conducted during the autumn. Members may attend by reserving a place the preceding day with Branch member Andrew Freeman (212-944-8189). Bring your personal check to the door. Lunch begins promptly at noon and the session terminates at 1:50 P.M. The location continues to be the Lawyers Club, 115 Broadway (near Trinity Church at the Wall Street subway stations).

The sessions from January to May are:

January 12 — "Questionable Payments Abroad."

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

February 9 — "Current Legal Developments in Brazil of Concern to American Attorneys."

P. Griffith Garland of the Brazilian and New York Bars.

March 9 — "Unsettled Questions in Arbitration Practice."

Martin Domke, former International Vice President, American Arbitration, Adjunct Professor of Law, New York University.

April 13 — "Human Rights Issues in the Turbulent World of Business."

Rita Hauser, Member of the New York Bar, former Member of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights.

May 11 — "Lawyers' Responsibilities in International Practice."

Norman Redlich, Dean, New York University School of Law.

PANEL IN SAN FRANCISCO, APRIL 22, 1977

"Foreign Investment and Trade: Boycotts and Other Issues" will be the topic of the American Branch, I.L.A. panel at the San Francisco meeting of the American Society of International Law. Chairman of the Board of the American Branch, Cecil J. Olmstead will preside. This represents the first meeting of the American Society and the American Branch in the West and presents members far from the usual East Coast meetings an opportunity to participate in a Branch event. Meetings will be held at the Mark Hopkins Hotel on Nob Hill. The American Society is planning groups from New York, Washington and Boston to qualify for group fares. A program for spouses is being arranged. Members of the American Branch who are members of the American Society as well will receive a mailing with reservation cards. Branch members who are not members of the Society and who plan to avail themselves of the group fares should write to the Branch Honorary Secretary immediately for information.

INTERNATIONAL LAW WEEK-END IN NEW YORK, 1977 (Nov. 4-5.)

A fourth International Law Week-end is planned by the Branch in cooperation with the American Society of International Law, and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. Because the usual mid-November date is the Armistice Remembrance week-end during which the Association of the Bar closes its House, the week-end has been advanced to Friday and Saturday, November 4-5, 1977.

Prof. Alona E. Evans is chairing the program committee for the fourth time. Elihu Lauterpacht of Cambridge University and currently Legal Adviser to the Department of External Affairs of Australia will be the dinner speaker on November 4. The format of previous sessions will be followed: the annual meeting of the Branch at 2:30 P.M. on November 4, followed by two panels at the Association of the Bar, 42 West 44th Street; the annual dinner next door at the Princeton Club, and Saturday morning sessions, a luncheon at the Association of the Bar, and an afternoon panel. A September I.L.A. Newsletter will carry details. As usual, spouses are invited to attend and a hospitality table will give suggestions for extramural activities.

MANILA CONFERENCE OF THE I.L.A., 1978

The invitation of the Philippine Branch, I.L.A. to hold the 58th world conference of the I.L.A. in Manila in August, 1978 was accepted by the Executive Council of the I.L.A. at its November 1976 meeting in London. This will be the first world conference of the I.L.A. to be held in the Far East since the Tokyo conference in 1964. A considerable number of new hotels have been constructed recently, assuring adequate accommodation. The American Branch will endeavor to arrange group fares to facilitate attendance by Branch members.

GEORGE WORSLEY'S RETIREMENT

For decades George Worsley has been the Clerk of the I.L.A. at its headquarters in The Temple, London. He has attended every world conference with his wife Anne, and together they have made the conferences possible, often under trying circumstances. He retired on December 31, 1976, but a farewell ceremony will be delayed until the May 1977 meeting of the Executive Council in London.

Branch members are invited to contribute to a purse to be given him in May. Executive Committee members of the American Branch have already contributed to a special fund to be forwarded from the Branch on the occasion of the presentation. Branch members who recall George Worsley's lifetime contributions to the I.L.A. are invited by this letter to send a check to the Honorary Secretary of the Branch, made payable to "American Branch, I.L.A." and marked "George Worsley fund." The usual tax exemption provisions apply.

INTERNATIONAL LAW WEEK-END, 1976.

More than 100 persons attended the dinner and luncheon held on the occasion of the International Law Week-end 1976, and still more attended the panel discussions. The occasion has become the autumn counterpart of the spring meetings of the American Society of International Law. The principal speeches will appear in the 1978 biennial issue of the Proceedings of the American Branch, as will summaries of the panel discussions. Tapes are being prepared as in the past by Condyne/Oceana of some of the presentations to be sold together with cassettes of previous week-ends. Information on these cassettes may be obtained from Condyne/Oceana, 75 Main Street, Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. 10522. A best seller is the cassette of Professor Myres S. McDougall's luncheon address in 1975 (cassette No. 1005) in which he gave a magisterial review on American Perspectives on International Law in light of the Bicentennial observance. It is widely used in law school teaching (cost \$20.), giving the current generation an opportunity actually to hear the voice of this Master, recently retired formally from the Yale Law School but still lecturing.

SIGNAL HONOR FOR STEPHEN SCHWEBEL

Branch Member Stephen Schwebel was elected to the International Law Commission of the United Nations in November 1976. He will succeed a long line of distinguished scholars who have held the post. He has been Professor of International Law in the School of Advanced International Studies, The Johns Hopkins University, Executive Vice President of the American Society of International Law, member of the Editorial Board of the American Journal of International Law, and Deputy Legal Adviser of the Department of State of the United States. He played a major part in the formulation of the Declaration of the United Nations on the Principles of Friendly Relations and Cooperation Among States.

MANILA CONFERENCE OF WORLD PEACE THROUGH LAW CENTER. August 1977.

Prior to the 1978 world conference of the International Law Association, Manila will host the biennial conference of the World Peace Through Law Center. The dates are August 21-26, 1977. The agenda includes International humanitarian law; extradition; regulation of world commodity trade, the use of compromissory clauses in expansion of the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice, the law of the sea, the role of N.G.O's in promotion of human rights, the legal status of mercenaries, international disaster relief, protection of refugees, legal services for the poor, environmental law, intellectual property, control of nuclear proliferation and conventional weapons, "Good Offices" by U.N. organs, a Law School education for today's world, the United Nations University, terrorism, international regulation of the flow of capital, mass communications law, and a demonstration trial. A special charter flight has been arranged to facilitate attendance. For information, write to the Center, 400 Hill Building, Washington, D.C. 20006. Those attending may wish to proceed thereafter to the biennial conference of the International Bar Association to be held in Australia.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 56TH (NEW DELHI) CONFERENCE.

The much delayed Proceedings of the 56th Conference of the I.L.A. is reported to have been placed in the surface mails addressed to all Branch members whose dues are current. It has been reduced in size because of cost and will omit the list of members of the I.L.A. in all Branches. Officers of the American Branch have expressed to headquarters their feeling that Branch members have found the membership lists valuable in their practice over the years. It may be that a supplement will be published from time to time by Headquarters to assist members wishing to use it. Information will appear in this newsletter if such a supplement materializes.