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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SPRING MEETING

Eighteen members of the Executive Committee met for the regular spring meeting, June 3, 1977 in New York. Chairman Cecil J. Olmstead brought a report from London headquarters of the I.L.A. Vice President G. W. Haight reported on a review of the American Branch's finances with proposals for expansion of Branch activities. He also reported on the work of Branch committees. Alona E. Evans presented the program for International Law Week-end, 1977 for comment and approval. The Autumn Luncheon Program sponsored jointly with the American Foreign Law Association was approved in principle. Requests for co-sponsorship from other organizations were reviewed and a formula established as a guide to responses. Honorary Vice President Monroe Leigh was appointed chairman of the Branch nominating committee to report at the November annual meeting of the Branch. Details of these decisions of general interest appear below.

AUTUMN LUNCHEON SPEAKERS PROGRAM

The autumn program sponsored jointly with the American Foreign Law Association will open September 21 at the Lawyer's Club, 115 Broadway, New York (near Trinity Church at the Wall Street subway stations). Early speakers will be:

September 21 — The Anti-boycott Legislation: What does it mean for U. S. companies?

Cormac K. H. O'Malley, Member of the New York Bar.

October 21 — State Responsibility and the Expropriation of Property.

L. F. E. Goldie, Professor of Law, Syracuse University and member of the Legal Department, United Nations.

Luncheons will begin promptly at noon. Reservations should be made no later than the preceding day by telephoning Branch member Andrew Freeman (212-944-8189). Bring your personal check to the door.

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

Professor Alona E. Evans has prepared the two-day annual program to be held at the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, Nov. 4-5, 1977 (42 West 44th Street, Manhattan).

Friday: Nov. 4

4:00—6:00 P.M.

Panel: "Corporate Conduct: National Legislation and International Codes."

Chair: Walter Sterling Surrey, District of Columbia Bar.

SEMINAR: "Living with the Sovereign Immunity Act."

Moderator: Charles N. Brower, District of Columbia Bar.

7:00 P.M.

Reception and Dinner — Princeton Club, 13 West 43rd Street.

"Equity and the Evolution of International Law."

Speaker: Elihu Lauterpacht, Q.C., Legal Adviser, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs.

Saturday: Nov. 5

10:00—12:00 A.M.

Panel: "Restructuring International Economic Organizations."

Chair: Seymour J. Rubin, Executive Vice President, American Society of International Law.

Seminar: "Human Rights: Legal and Political Dimensions."

12:30 P.M.

Luncheon **Chair:** *Walter Sterling Surrey, President, American Society of International Law.*

Speaker: Adrian S. Fisher, Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center.

2:30—4:30

Panel: "Congress as Foreign Policy Maker."

As usual a hospitality table will be available to assist spouses with sightseeing during the week-end. **Chair:** Susan Hazard.

PUBLICATIONS:

Since the distribution of Newsletter No. 11, all members should have received the following publications from London headquarters:

International Law Association. Report on the Forty-Sixth Conference New Delhi. London. 1976. 545 pp.

International Law Association. Bulletin of the 57th Conference of the International Law Association Madrid. London. 1977. 8 pp.

International Law Association. 57th Conference. Lord McNair Memorial Lecture "The Discipline of International Law," by Professor R. Y. Jennings. London. 1977. 13 pp.

The American Branch Newsletter will be expanded under a decision of the Branch's Executive Committee taken at its June 3 meeting. The additional pages will include a "Practitioner's Notebook" of matters of concern to practitioner members, and from time to time a "Teacher's Manual" of matters expected to be helpful to the academic members of the Branch. Special editors of these innovations are being named.

THE MANILA CONFERENCE, August 27 — September 2, 1978

Next year's Conference of the International Law Association will be held in Manila under a decision of the Executive Council of the I.L.A. taken at its London meeting in May 1977. Arrangements are being made by President Enrique P. Syquia of the Philippine Branch, I.L.A. for concessionary rates on Philippine Airlines and in Manila hotels. The American Branch is exploring with travel agents arrangements to facilitate attendance from the Branch.

London headquarters has announced that a full program will be held, including the usual Human Rights panel. The reports of the International Commission of Jurists on conditions in the Philippines have been studied, and it has been decided that the presence of a noted group of jurists in Manila could prove beneficial to those forces in the Philippines who are trying to curb recent excesses which President Marcos in his June 3, 1977 interview with journalists referred to in his announcement of plans to phase out Military Tribunals trying civilians.

Some doubt has been expressed by some Branch members of the advisability of a conference in Manila until such excesses have been eradicated, but the majority of the Executive Committee felt that if a Human Rights program of vigor is presented in Manila, the result might be salutary in speeding reform.

CO-SPONSORSHIPS

A policy on co-sponsorships of meetings was developed by the Executive Committee at its June meeting. The Branch has for years sponsored meetings with the American Society of International Law, the American Foreign Law Association and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. More recently, several other organizations have invited co-sponsorship by the Branch, including the Section of International Law of the American Bar Association, the United States Chamber of Commerce, and the Philadelphia Council on World Affairs. It was agreed that the Branch would accept co-sponsorship if it was evident that its participation could aid in the formulation of a program, but not if its contribution would be only its name.

VISIT OF PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ SASTRE OF THE I.L.A.

Professor Antonio Rodriguez Sastre paid a formal visit on officers of the Branch May 4-6, 1977 as part of his program to visit Branches of the I.L.A. during his two-year term as President. He was entertained by the Branch President at a luncheon at Columbia University and by the Chairman of the Executive Committee at a luncheon at the Cloud Club, New York. I.L.A. policy was discussed regarding the location of future conferences, activities of the Association, and the work of the Branches. Professor Rodriguez Sastre presented a collection of his voluminous writings on law, and these have been deposited in the Columbia University Law Library. Together with his colleagues of the Spanish Branch resident in New York, he responded to his reception with a dinner in honor of his American Branch hosts.

HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN BRANCH

Honorary Vice President Kurt H. Nadelmann has been assembling materials on the history of the American Branch. Some of the results of his research appeared in the Proceedings of the Branch 1976-77, and in a fuller account in the July 1976 issue of the American Journal of International Law. He has now obtained permission from the New York Times to reprint its columns of September 29 to 30, 1876 recounting the proceedings at the founding meeting in Philadelphia. Cost permitting, the Executive Committee hopes to be able to make these available to members.