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CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Robert B. von Mehren of the New York Bar was elected at the meeting of the American Branch, I.L.A. on November 9, 1979 as President of the Branch to succeed Professor John N. Hazard. Professor Hazard, who during his six years as President made outstanding contributions to the Branch, now becomes Chairman of the Executive Committee under the Branch's By-Laws. James P. Beggans, Jr. of the New York Bar was reelected Honorary Secretary-Treasurer. Additions to the Executive Committee were Professors Edward Gordon, Malvina H. Guggenheim and Alfred P. Rubin, and Peter B. Trooboff of the District of Columbia Bar. Cecil J. Olmstead, outgoing Chairman of the Executive Committee, was elected an Honorary Vice President. Present Vice Presidents, Honorary Vice Presidents and Executive Committee members were reelected.

SPRING LUNCHEON MEETINGS WITH AMERICAN FOREIGN LAW ASSOCIATION

The spring luncheon meetings will be held as usual on the third Wednesday of each winter month. Due to the closing of the Lawyers Club, meetings will be held in various convenient locations; those for January and February, 1980 at the Chemists Club, 62 East 41st Street, New York. For reservations and locations of later meetings, call Branch member Andrew Freeman (212) 757-0820. Personal checks will be accepted at the door. Meetings begin at noon and end at 2:00 P.M. Spring speakers are:

- Jan. 16 — Mark Blythe, London Bar, on "The Extraterritorial Effect of Antitrust Laws—The English Experience"
- Feb. 13 — Prof. Michael Schwind, New York University Law School, on "Problems of International Decedents' Estate Practice"
- Mar. 12 — Roger Goebel, New York Bar, on "The Professional Liability of the American Lawyer in International Practice"
- Apr. 9 — Annual Meeting of AFLA: topic, "The Revolution in Conflict of Laws"
- May 14 — Topic: "International Legal Aspects of Insolvency"

BELGRADE I.L.A. CONFERENCE PLANS, August 17-23, 1980

Brochures giving details of plans for the 79th Conference of the International Law Association to be held in Belgrade will go into the mails in January, 1980. Dr. Milan Bulajic, Legal Adviser to the Yugoslav Foreign Office, is in charge of arrangements. Meetings will be held at the Sava Conference Center, and the Headquarters Hotel will be the Intercontinental, which is next door to the Center. Shuttle buses will be run to other hotels in Old Belgrade. An excursion on the free afternoon is planned to Novy Sad on the Danube. Conference fees have been set at \$100 for members and \$60 for guests. The date has been set in mid-August to permit conferees to attend the Congress of the International Bar Association in West Berlin during the following week.

NEWS FROM LONDON

The Executive Council of the I.L.A. met under Lord Wilberforce's chairmanship on Saturday, November 17, 1979. The American Branch was represented by Prof. L.F.E. Goldie and Carlyle E. Maw, both members of the Branch's Executive Committee. In addition to discussion of the Belgrade Conference plans, the Council considered Committee structures. The American Branch expressed concern that the proposed name, "Legal Aspects of a New International Economic Order", for a new committee dealing with the legal aspects of international economic relations, might be inappropriate. It was felt, however, by most members of the Executive Council that the proposed name for the committee should not be changed, and it was agreed that the committee would prepare a preliminary report for the Belgrade Conference. Professor Oscar Schacter is the principal delegate of the American Branch to the Committee.

It was also agreed to establish a working group to consider the future of the Committee on the Law of the Sea. Prof. L.F.E. Goldie of the American Branch is on this group. The new Committee on State Immunity under the chairmanship of Monroe Leigh of the American Branch was officially constituted. The Branch has received a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation to assist in the work of the committee and other grants are being solicited.

Dues payable to Headquarters by Members of various Branches were increased to \$15. These will be included in dues assessed by American Branch members, as usual, and may require an eventual increase in American Branch dues.

No appointment of a Director of Studies was made to replace the late Prof. D.P. O'Connell, but the Chairman indicated that he was engaged in discussions with several potential candidates.

A resolution was adopted and circulated to the world press calling for the protection of diplomatic premises.

AMERICAN BRANCH ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

In addition to the election of officers, the annual business meeting surveyed the financial condition of the Branch, heard a report from Vice President G.W. Haight on the progress of various Branch Committee reports, heard Professor Richard Lillich report on his proposed testimony before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations in favor of consent to ratification of the United Nations Covenants on Human Rights, and considered proposals by Professor Edward Gordon to expand the staff of the International Practitioners' Notebook.

INTERNATIONAL LAW WEEKEND, 1979 and 1980

The events planned by Professor Alfred P. Rubin for International Law Weekend proceeded without change from the program printed in I.L.A. Newsletter No. 19. Applicants for the dinner addressed by Judge Richard Baxter of the International Court of Justice exceeded the space available in the dinner hall, and the Saturday luncheon to hear Prof. C. Clyde Ferguson of the Harvard Law School reached the capacity of the hall.

The weekend is planned for November 14-15, 1980 with the same facilities of The Association of the Bar of the City of New York and the Princeton Club. The American Society of International Law and the American Foreign Law Association will again join The Association of the Bar in co-sponsorship of the event with the American Branch.

CASSETTES OF WEEKEND PANELS

Once again the firm of Condyne Trans-Media Distributing Corp. (Oceana Group), 75 Main Street, Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. 10522 is planning to reproduce the speeches and discussion at some of the weekend panels. The topics expected to be published are "A New Restatement of the Law of American Foreign Relations" and "The Future of Public International Adjudication". Information on the sale of these cassettes and of those from preceding weekends may be obtained from Condyne.
