

paper of about 6,000 words analysing a case study on the machinery and processes of law reform. Perhaps the Australian LRCs could do well to consider the opinions and criticisms of the fresh minds in the Monash Law School. Included in the distributed material is an article by Donald B. King, 'Law Reform Challenge', 13 *St. Louis Uni. LJ* 403 (1969) in which he predicts the expansion of law reform teaching in law schools:

Law reform considerations are so extensive and involved that it could be considered a subject or field of law to which attention must increasingly be turned. It is quite possible that in the future law schools may routinely offer courses in law reform. The skills and techniques utilised in law reform are sufficiently unique to warrant the teaching of a separate course on that subject. ... There is a possibility, too, that a few schools may shape their curriculum around reform and change.

Most law schools include some consideration of law reform in particular topics. Now Monash has begun a special honours course in the study of law reform as such.

■ **pacific law.** The PNGLRC has just published a working paper on Consumer Protection (WP 17). The paper stresses the need for the development of a co-ordinated policy and highlights price control and food quality control as the two most urgent practical problems. Other problems noted are the difficulties PNG consumers face in getting remedies or even knowing of their rights, the absence of an agency with power to investigate complaints and the lack of effective enforcement machinery. Among suggestions made are the establishment of a government body with power to investigate complaints and publicise findings and also power to publish tests of comparative consumer goods and services. The implementation of codes of ethics and the possible introduction of class actions are noted as possible long-term priorities. The subject of consumer law was mentioned in a paper by the ALRC Chairman for the 1981 Fiji Law Society Convention held in Fiji 18-20 September 1981. Other

Australian participants included Mr. Gerald Murphy, past President, Queensland Law Society, who dealt with accident compensation, Miss Mahla Pearlman, incoming President of the NSW Law Society, who dealt with the profession and the citizen, and Mr. Peter Cranswick, outgoing President of the Law Council of Australia. The Convention was opened by the Prime Minister of Fiji (Sir Kamisese Mara). The Prime Minister suggested a closer scrutiny of indigenous customs as a basis for law reform. The Chief Justice of Fiji, Sir Timoci Tuivaga, urged the Fiji Law Society to draw up and implement an effective, modern code of ethics. He said this should seek to strike a proper balance between lawyers' being too remote from their clients and too close or emotionally involved in their cases.

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