

Consultative Meeting (Privileges and Immunities)  
Regulations.. Regulation 2: Declaration of International  
Conference. S.R. 1983, No.32.

[Editor's note: It is hoped in future issues to expand this section through co-operation with the authorities].

Extraterritoriality: The Attorney General, Senator Evans indicated that further blocking legislation may be enacted to protect Australian trading interests against the extraterritorial operation of U.S. laws. (ABC broadcast, P.M., 28 June 1983; Australian Financial Review, 29 June, 1983, 1,8). The ILA (Australian Branch) has established a committee on extraterritoriality: Professor D.H.N. Johnson (University of Sydney); Mr. Justice P. Nygh; Professor K. Ryan (University of Queensland), Dr. H. Sornarajah (University of Tasmania), Gillian Triggs (University of Melbourne). Contact: David Flint, New South Wales Institute of Technology, School of Law, P.O. Box 123, Broadway, 2007.

Disarmament: The Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Hon. W. Hayden, has appointed Mr. Richard Butler Australian Ambassador for Disarmament (ABC 7 July 1983).

#### CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

Tenth International Trade Law Seminar: The Attorney General's Department held its Tenth International Trade Law Seminar at the Australian Academy of Sciences on 18 and 19 June 1983. The conference was opened by the Hon. Mr. Justice Lionel Murphy and chaired by Mr. Peter Levy of the Department. The conference is always a highlight of the year for those interested in international trade law and associated fields. As in previous years a number of papers were delivered dealing with the relevant issues in depth.

The papers included:

The U.S. Australian Bilateral Anti Trust Agreement, by Mr. Trevor Bennett, Attorney Generals Department.

A Review of Developments in International Trade Law 1982/1983 prepared by members of the Attorney Generals Department.

Electronic Funds Transfer, by Dr. Allan Tyree, University of New South Wales Law School.

The Uncitral Draft Convention on Negotiable Instruments, a workshop conducted, by Professor David Allen, Monash University Law School.

The Unidroit Convention on Agency in the International Sale of Goods, by Mr. Phillip Sacks, Solicitor of Allen, Allen & Hemsley.

The Concept of the Trust in Private International Law, by Professor Edward Sykes of the University of Queensland Law School and

Domesticating the Gatt: International Trade Obligations in Australian Law, by Professor Colin Phegan of the University of Sydney Law School.

The papers will be published subsequently by the Attorney General's Department.

The Department must be congratulated in continuing this forum which provides an opportunity for not only lawyers, but also businessmen and other interested parties, to exchange views and learn more about these important issues.

Australian Mining Industry Council (AMIC) 1983 Minerals Outlook Seminar:

The Australian Mining Industry Council had a most interesting in house seminar on the New International Economic order in Canberra on 12 May 1983. In his opening address the President, Mr. H.M. Morgan cited Richard III's plans to murder the Duke of Clarence where one of the murderers says: "Talkers are not good doers". Mr. Morgan continued: "It has become increasingly clear, at least to me, that the mining industry, an industry which is overwhelmingly a doer industry, has been mistaken in that it has failed to take the talkers seriously. Hence the need to examine the developments in the international sphere, particularly in the context of the New International Economic Order". An adversary format, which would have appealed to lawyers, was adopted. Two papers were given on each subject, and the participants tended to mirror different views about the subject. In relation to UNCTAD, the director of the commodities division, Mr. Alex Ashiabor and the reader in political science of the London School of Economics, K.R. Minogue delivered papers. The latter strongly criticized positions taken by the Third World and by such bodies as the Brandt Commission. Papers on shipping were delivered by Mr. Robert Ramsay, the Deputy Secretary of UNCTAD and Mr. Charles G. Kiskaddon President of Alcoa Steamship Company Inc. Mr. Bernardo Zuleta, Under Secretary General UNCLOS and Mr. Roger Brooks, of the United States, and the Director of the U.N. Project, Heritage Foundation delivered widely divergent views on UNCLOS. Mr. Brooks, in explaining the Reagan administration's position, stated that UNCLOS was only one component in the Third World strategy of achieving the fulfilment of the NIEO, "... almost without the North noticing it, the New International Economic Order has become the basic constitution of all United Nations economic work" (Mr. Brooks emphasis). Finally, Mr. Peter La; Chairman of the International Tin Council, and Mr. Peter D. Fells, Executive Director of Consolidated Goldfields Limited spoke on International Commodity

Agreements.

The ILA Australian Branch has advised AMIC that we have an active committee on the NIEO chaired by Professor U.N.H. Johnson (Sydney), and invited collaboration in the future.

Jessup Moot: The results of the 1983 International Division finals were:

- Winner, National University of Singapore
- 2nd place, University of Toronto
- 3rd place, University of Malaya
- 4th place, University College, Dublin, Ireland.

The Australian winners, the University of New South Wales Team, ranked 9th. The 5th to 8th places were taken by Utrecht; Kingston Polytechnic (U.K.); Government Law College, Bombay, and the Catholic University Leuven. In oral advocacy our team ranked a commendable second; on the written memorial they ranked thirteenth. In individual oral advocacy, David Knoll of the University of New South Wales scored 91.33, ranking equal fifth. The winner, Daniel Hounslow of Kingston Polytechnic scored 95.67. The ILA (Australian Branch) made a contribution to the Australian team's expenses. Professor Greig will continue to co-ordinate the Australian Finals.

Forthcoming Conferences:

Canberra 8-11 September, 1983, Joint I.L.A. - Foreign Affairs Conference.

A major topic will be the Antarctic, but in addition a wide number of international law topics have been suggested. Details may be obtained from Professor D.W. Greig, Australian National University,

Faculty of Law, P.O. Box 4, Canberra, ACT, 2600. (See below, "Antarctic").

Manila September, 1983, 8th Lawasia Conference.

Several conference topics will be of interest to Australian lawyers. Contact Mr. Raul I. Goco, Chairman, Lawasia Conference Secretariat, C/- Feed Inc., 7th Floor, Electra House, Esteban St., Legespi Village, Makati, Metro Manila, Philippines, or David Geddes, Secretary General Lawasia, 170 Phillip Street, Sydney, 2000.

Cairo 25-30 September, 1983, World Peace through Law Conference.

20 panels have been established on various internationally oriented topics. Contact Margaret M. Henneberry, Executive Director and Treasurer, World Peace through Law Center, Suite 800, 1000 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20036 U.S.A. Telex 440456.

Toronto 3-8 October, 1983, Section on Business Law.

International Bar Association, 2 Harewood Place, Hanover Square, London, W1, UK.

Canberra 21-22 November, 1982. Conference on Aborigines and International Law proposed to be held at Burgmann College, A.N.U. Contact Peter Bayne, Canberra C.A.E., P.O. Box 1, Belconnen, ACT 2616.

Antarctic Law: Apart from the Canberra conference, readers may be interested in Antarctic Law and Politics by Professor F.M. Auburn of the University of Western Australia: Croom-Helm (Australia) Canberra, 1982. This extensive work covers not only the issue of sovereignty and the Antarctic Treaty system, but also resource and environmental questions. Relevant documents and maps are also included. The Canberra conference will be particularly interesting because of the participation of various

Australian experts, including Professor Auburn, Professor Greig (ANU) and Gillian Triggs (University of Melbourne Law School).

International Law Radio: An international law radio programme, Weighed in the Balance, goes to air Wednesdays at 10.00 p.m. on the Sydney radio station, 2SER FM 107.5 MHz on the FM band - at the opposite end to 2ABC FM and after - on most dials to the right of 2DAY, 2MM and 2JJJ. The program's recent guests have been Mr. Justice Michael Kirby on international electronic data flows and Professor James Crawford on sovereign immunity. Contributions including those from outside of Sydney are most welcome, either pre-recorded in the studios of 2SER FM at the New South Wales Institute of Technology, at Macquarie University or by broadcast quality tapes. Contact David Flint NSWIT Law School, P.O. Box 123, Broadway, 2000, phone (02) 218 9700 or (02) 30 2938. Telex AA 27091.

FROM THE JOURNALS

Australia Year Book: Professor Greig (ANU Law School, P.O. Box 4, Canberra, ACT, 2600) indicates that Volume 8 of this excellent, indeed indispensable series is now being printed. It will include a group of articles on refugees, a criticism of the Trendtex principle on customary international law, an analysis of the dispute concerning sovereignty over the Falklands Islands, and Australian practice in 1978-1980. The price is yet to be announced, but it is hoped that it will not be significantly more than Volume 7. ILA members are entitled to a generous 50% discount. Back sets are available at a low price.

Martin Place Papers: Papers No.1 on Foreign Investment and the New International Economic Order, by David Flint, and No.2 on the Law of The Sea edited by Professor Ivan Shearer have now been published. The latter