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EDITORIAL

This is the final issue for 1985. Because we have experienced difficulties in bringing out this issue and the first issues for 1986, we are including all material relevant to the regions covered in this issue. Subsequent issues, which will appear very shortly, will cover the remaining regions of the world. We do regret the delay in publishing these issues, and anticipate being able to return to our normal publishing schedule.

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In this issue in addition to a survey of the Middle East and North Africa, we are also publishing two very interesting papers. The first, "The Crown and Its Representative in the Commonwealth" by the Provost of Oriel College Oxford and former Governor-General of Australia, Sir Zelman Cowen, will be of particular interest to readers interested by the exercise of power by vice regal representatives of the Queen in Australia in 1975, Fiji in 1977 and Grenada in 1983. This paper was misreported in parts of the Australian press to the effect that Sir Zelman Cowen had expressed a view as to the correctness of the action of his predecessor, Sir John Kerr, in dismissing the then Prime Minister, Mr Gough Whitlam, now Australian Ambassador to UNESCO. We are therefore also publishing a copy of a letter dated 16 July, 1985, from Sir Zelman to the President of the Law Society of New South Wales; the letter is self explanatory.

The second paper is by Mr. Nick O'Neill, who writes on the important issue of Queensland's industrial legislation and its impact on Australia's human rights obligations to the international community.

It is with great sadness that we have to report that Julius Stone passed away on. An obituary to this distinguished international lawyer follows.

On a happier note, we congratulate our colleague Professor James Crawford (who is presently on leave) on his appointment to the Institut de Droit International, and to the Challis Chair of International Law of the University of Sydney. Upon his retirement from that chair, we honour our very distinguished colleague, Emeritus Professor D.H.N. Johnson. We wish both Professor and Mrs Johnson a long and happy retirement and we note with pleasure that he has been appointed Director of Studies of the Australian Branch of the International Law Association.

David Flint.