FROM THE EDITOR

By now you are likely to have received the program for the 1988 AALL Annual Meeting. You will find a description of some of the SIS activities at the meeting on page six of this newsletter. Our SIS business meeting has been set for 1:30 pm with brown bag lunch (We'll supply soft drinks!) working committee meetings at 12:30 pm on Sunday, June 26th. The Executive Committee hopes you will be able to join us there.

Your SIS needs you! As chair-elect, I have asked the executive committee to establish five standing committees for the 1988-89 year:

Committee on International Placements: To develop and promote international exchanges of law librarians between the United States and foreign countries.

Education Committee: To develop and implement educational opportunities, both workshops and institutes, for those interested in foreign, comparative, and international law.

Finance Committee: To assist the Secretary-Treasurer in assessing the financial health of the SIS, and to engage in long term planning of the financial needs of the SIS and the means to meet these needs.

Program Committee: To plan the programs for the 1989 Annual Meeting, and to project a plan for programs in the future.

Publications Committee: To assist the editors of the SIS column in the AALL Newsletter and the SIS Newsletter in planning the content and production of these publications, and, perhaps even contributing material to them.

On the last page of this issue is a committee volunteer form. We hope to accomplish some preliminary planning during the hour before the business meeting. Won't you "chip in" and help? All of us will thank you!

A FURTHER NOTE: The editor of this newsletter will be assuming the position of SIS chair at the end of the 1988 meeting. It would be wonderful if someone would take over the responsibility for editing the newsletter during 1988-89. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me (203-432-1615) collect!
FROM CIP

- Jonathan Pratter

Roberta Shaffer has written from Israel to the Clearing-house for International Placements to announce an excellent opportunity. The Law Library of the Tel-Aviv University Faculty of Law is seeking a consultant to assist in planning and developing all aspects of law library service. Areas of emphasis will be collection development and service to faculty.

The position will have substantial direct administrative authority.

Qualifications include a degree in Library Science, a J.D., and substantial experience in a North American law library. Knowledge of Hebrew is preferred, but not required. A commitment for at least one year is preferred.

The position opens for application in April. Interested people should write immediately to Roberta Shaffer for more information at Tel-Aviv University, Faculty of Law, Ramat-Aviv, 69978, Tel-Aviv, ISRAEL.

FROM THE CHAIR

- Ellen Schaffer

The questionnaire on foreign law collection is still being drafted. I am working with Tim Hammond at Cornell and Paula Benson at the University of South Carolina to draft a questionnaire that will be simple enough that you will all fill it out! The current sticking point is how to limit the countries of the world so that the questionnaire won't be unwieldy.

The Executive Committee has appointed a Nominating Committee to select a 1988-89 slate of candidates: Claire Germain, Chair, Duke University School of Law Library; Claire M. Dolinar, Baker and McKenzie, Chicago; and Margareta Horiba, Tulane University Law Library. We thank those who have agreed to work on this committee, and ask members to give them your full cooperation.

HUMOR FROM WASHINGTON

Malo Bernal, Library of Congress Law Library, sends the following New York Times clipping:

"After careful study of four legal systems in Germany, France, the Soviet Union and Italy, here are my conclusions:

In Germany, under the law, everything is permitted except that which is prohibited.

In France, under the law, everything is prohibited except which is permitted.

In the Soviet Union, under the law, everything is prohibited including that which is permitted.

And in Italy, under the law, everything is permitted, especially that which is prohibited."
MINUTES FOR THE FOREIGN, COMPARATIVE AND INTERNATIONAL LAW SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION, JULY 6, 1987

BUSINESS MEETING

The Chairman, Linda Thompson, called the meeting to order. We dispensed with the reading of the minutes for last year's meeting because they were printed in the newsletter. Jeanette Yackle gave the Treasurer's report. It is unofficial because expenses had been incurred since the last official financial statement received from headquarters. On May 31, 1987 we had a balance of $1,058.42. We had incurred expenses for the printing of the brochure for the SIS of $433.32 and for postage, copying and production charges for the newsletters of $194.27. Our balance on July 6, 1987 was $430.83.

Earl Weisbaum, chair of the election committee thanked the committee, Myra Saunders and Denny Haythorne, for their assistance and then reported the results of the election. Dan Wade is our new Vice-chair/Chair-elect and Maria Smolka-Day is our new Secretary-Treasurer. Earl also thanked the Nominating Committee, Alan Diefenbach-chair, Marta Tarnawsky and Kathleen Carrick for their work in developing a slate of excellent candidates.

Penny Hazelton, the SIS liaison to the AALL Executive Board reported on the meeting of the board held on July 4, 1987. She said that Al Brecht, our president, had appointed a new organization committee to which we could bring some of our concerns since it would be charged with the place of SIS's in the organization. She had also noted that the Committee on Committees had reported to the Executive Board and had recommended that the tenure of a chair should be limited to one year, that a committee should have no more than ten members with half of the committee changing each year, and members should serve for a term of two years. Penny encouraged all the members to attend the town meeting because the issue of who could be a member of AALL would be discussed. Finally, Penny reported on the budgetary needs of the organization, pointing out that there has been no dues increase since 1981, and expenses have increased a great deal. It is essential that the organization find ways of increasing its revenues.

Jonathan Pratter gave a report of the activities of the Clearinghouse on International Placements (CIP). Roberta Shaffer will be on leave next year so Jonathan Pratter will serve as the Coordinator of CIP for 1987-88. The CIP plans to continue announcing placement opportunities in the AALL Newsletter. The CIP maintains a list of all inquiries for placements. This year CIP responded to forty requests for information. The CIP has established formal contacts with a number of professional organizations and other entities which have an interest in foreign exchange opportunities. The American Library Association
Book Fellows Program, AALS Faculty Exchange Committee, the Council on International Exchange of Scholars, USIA and the International Library Exchange Center all regularly send CIP announcements. Jonathan Pratter will coordinate with Kurt Adamson to make sure CIP information is in the newsletter.

Dan Wade announced that Kurt Adamson will take over from Dan the responsibility of supplying the AALL Newsletter with our newsletter contributions. Dan will continue with the SIS newsletter. Dan said the main problem was the timeliness. There is a need for a fixed time schedule for publication of the newsletter.

Malo Bernal gave a report on the Public Relations Committee. Malo and Jolande Goldberg were assigned the responsibility of writing a brochure to publicize the SIS, and they succeeded and produced an excellent one in time for the AALL meeting in Chicago. Copies of the brochure were available for members to see at the meeting. The brochure will be available for interested people at the SIS booth in the exhibition hall. Linda Thompson then asked for all program committee reports. Our SIS is sponsoring two programs and one workshop for this convention. Jaap Korevaar reported that the speakers for the program, "Losing our International Resources: How to Prepare a New Generation of Law Librarians" would have four well-qualified speakers; Blanka Kudej, Jan Stepan (whose paper would be read by Wes Daniels in Jan's absence), Timothy Kearly and Jane Rubens.

Dan Wade announced that tea and cookies would be served before the program on "Chinese Commercial Law for the Non-Specialist" which would give us an opportunity to talk with the speakers of the program, James Feinerman, professor of law at Georgetown University, Preston Torbert, a partner in the firm of Baker and McKenzie and Robert Berring, professor and law librarian at the University of California, Berkeley.

John Stryzinski reported that the workshop on "The European Community and the Law Library" for which he and Adolph Sprudz are co-directors, has an enrollment that exceeded expectations. There are 66 enrollees, and they had hoped for fifty.

Amber Smith and Malo Bernal volunteered to be in charge of the SIS booth in the exhibition area for the hours assigned to the Foreign, Comparative and International Law SIS.

Ellen Schaffer then reported on the Program meeting held earlier in the day where some specific program ideas were discussed for the next year's AALL group; a program on the United Nations Convention on Sales of Goods, an introduction to Soviet law and legal materials, and a program on the documentation of the General Agreements on Tariffs and Trade. Dan Wade also proposed a one day workshop on Latin American materials.

The SIS membership had several suggestions following Ellen's report and Dan's proposal. Jon Pratter suggested expanding the Soviet Union program to cover Eastern Europe. The consensus of the members was that that would be too much material on one program. Alan Diefenbach suggested that we might plan a workshop on East European legal materials in the future. Irene Berkey
expressed interest in a program on Japanese law. Adrienne Adan suggested a program on sharing our resources because we needed to know the foreign law collection strengths of each library. It was suggested by several other members that this would be an excellent occasional paper topic rather than a program topic.

Linda Thompson then asked if there was any new business. Dan Wade offered a resolution that the SIS write letters thanking other SIS's for presenting programs in the area of international and foreign law, i.e. the Contemporary Social Problems SIS for the program, "When Constitutions No Longer Protect: International Law and States of Emergency" and the Government Documents SIS for the program, "Latin American Documents: Access and Use". The resolution was approved. There was no other new business and the meeting was adjourned.

THE AALL CONVENTION

BUSINESS MEETING (1:30 P.M.)
(Sunday June 26, 1988)

WORKING COMMITTEE MEETINGS
AND BROWN BAG LUNCHEON
(12:30 P.M. SAME DAY)

OPENING LUNCHEON

It has become a tradition over the past several years to come together as an SIS at the opening luncheon. This year it is possible for groups to make table reservations for the luncheon.

The luncheon is included in the cost of registration. If you would like to join us to meet others interested in foreign, comparative, and international law, to renew old acquaintances and meet new friends, please inform our Secretary, Maria Smolka-Day by June 6, 1988 (University of Pennsylvania Biddle Law Library, 3400 Chestnut St. Philadelphia, PA 19104/ 215-898-7442). Of course, spouses, family and friends are welcome. (You may wish to use the form on the next to the last page of this newsletter).

SOVIET LAW PROGRAM SET FOR AALL CONVENTION

William Butler, Professor of Comparative Law at the University of London, will give a program on research in Soviet Law on Tuesday, 1:30 pm-3:00 pm, June 28, 1988 at the AALL Convention in Atlanta. The program is being sponsored by the FCIL-SIS. He will begin with an overview of Soviet Law followed by a discussion of the most important materials for doing research in this field. The relative importance of official gazettes and court reports will be discussed, as well as important reference tools such as legal dictionaries. Professor Butler will also discuss methods of acquiring materials from the Soviet Union and sources for
materials in English. Professor Butler has published widely in the area of Soviet law, and is considered one of the leading experts in this field. He is an engaging lecturer, so we are very pleased that he has agreed to present this program.

WORKSHOP ON LATIN AMERICAN AND LAW-RELATED REFERENCE SOURCES

Progress reports have been coming in from participants working on the 1988 post-meeting workshop. A special thanks to those who answered the pleas in the last newsletter: Margaret Aycock, University of Virginia Law Library is assuming responsibility for Belize; Marie K. Erickson, Loyola University William M. Rains Library, Paraguay; Maria Smolka-Day, University of Pennsylvania Biddle Law Library, general reference sources; Larry Werger, University of Virginia Law Library, Guyana; and Jonathan Pratter, "loose ends" (God bless you, Jonathan!)

The following is a tentative schedule for the workshop (by popular demand we have scheduled lunch to allow participants to make early flights):

8:00 - 8:30  Registration
8:30 - 8:45  Introduction to the Program  
             (Igor I. Kavass)
8:45 - 9:05  Latin American Legal Research from a Private Law Firm's Perspective  
             (Janet Zagorin)
9:05 - 9:25  Latin American Legal Research from an Academic Perspective  
             (Igor I. Kavass)
9:25 - 9:45  Latin American Legal Research from a Latin American Research Institute's Perspective  
             (Professor Alicia Perez Duarte)
9:45 - 10:00 Discussion
10:00- 10:15 Break
10:15- 10:25 Latin American Legal Bibliography Project  
             (Dan Wade)
10:25- 10:40 The Bibliographic Endeavor: A Reflection  
             (Simone-Marie Kleckner)
10:40- 11:00 Panel Discussion
11:00- 11:10 Break
11:10- 11:30 Overcoming the Language Barrier (Spanish Dictionaries and Abbreviations)  
             (Francisco Avalos)
11:30- 11:50 Latin American Maritime Law  
             (David A. Combe)
11:50- 12:10 Latin American Human Rights Law  
             (Steven C. Perkins)
12:10- 12:30 ABA Central American Project  
             (Jose Fernandez)
12:30- 12:45 Discussion
12:45- 1:30  Lunch
LIBRARIANS IN THE NEWS:

EUROPE BOUND!

Fred Chapman, Senior Reference Librarian for Foreign and International Law at the Harvard Law Library has been appointed Director of the Library of the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law, located in Lausanne. He will begin his new duties on July 1, 1988. Fred will be replacing Holger Knudsen who has accepted a position with the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft. Fred has worked in the International Legal Studies Library for the past eight years where he has gained valuable experience working with its rich collections. The SIS wishes Fred the best of luck in his new position!

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Did you see the article on SIS member Jolande Goldberg, who is involved in the development of the Class K classification system for law in the Subject Cataloging Division of the Library of Congress, in 46(48) Library of Congress Information Bulletin 520-521 (November 30, 1987)? It is a most fascinating bibliographic article on Jolande's artistic exploits. The title of the article is "A Modern Renaissance Woman Masters Law, History and Art." Three cheers for such creativity among law librarians!!! (The editor would like to see more articles featuring our members in this newsletter; did you know our past chair, Linda Thompson, is a very accomplished sailor?)

BOOK NOTES:

Human Rights Internet Reporter, Human Rights Internet, Harvard Law School, Pound Hall, Room 401, Cambridge, MA 02138. $40.00/year (individual), $60.00/year (institutions). Tel. (617) 495-9924.
"I hope that most law libraries already have a subscription to this publication, but you may not have noticed that it has changed quite a bit in the last few years. With the growing interest in human rights issues and the study of human rights increasing in law schools around the country, the Internet Reporter should prove to be an invaluable reference tool. The Reporter, beginning with Vol. 12, no. 1 (Fall, 1987), has moved to a quarterly schedule allowing them to add several commentary sections. I find the bibliographic sections dealing with specific countries particularly useful.

Human rights groups from all parts of the world send material to Internet, where it is indexed and abstracted for the Reporter. The material is frequently the important "ephemeral" material that is difficult for libraries to handle, but is essential for keeping up with the latest developments, particularly in countries with little press coverage and no publishing industry.

Internet maintains extensive files of this material so that it is possible to contact them for copies of information. Because the Reporter is produced by a small, over-burdened staff, I think you should only contact them in a case of desperate last resort, but they have always been most helpful when I have contacted them.

Jeanette Yackle
Harvard Law School Library

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El Status Político de Puerto Rico y el Dr. Don Luis Muñoz Morales -- Las Aportaciones de Don Luis Muñoz Morales al Studio del Derecho Puertorriqueño "es una reciente publicación que recoge con precisión e impacto las aportaciones del prominente jurista y exfuncionario público... Muñoz Morales fue Alcaldé de Cayey, miembro de la Junta de Síndicos de la Universidad de Puerto Rico, presidente de la Asociación de Abogados (ahora Colegio de Abogados), vicepresidente del Ateneo y decano de la facultad de Derecho de la UPR. Considerado además como uno de los más ilustres juristas de Puerto Rico, nació en Cayey y falleció en 1950." (El Vocero, San Juan, Lunes 9 de Noviembre de 1987). Precio $ 15.

Brought to our attention by the author, Lcdo. José Nilo Dávila Lanausse, President, Association Puertorriquena de Informatica Juridica, Inc. For further information you may write him at G.P.O. Box 229, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936.

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"The International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes publishes rules for arbitration and conciliation of investment disputes. The 1968 rules remained current until 1984 when new rules were adopted. The new rules, published in 1985 are
available free of charge from the Centre at 1318 H Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C. 20433. I believe notice of publication of the
new rules may have escaped many libraries."
Michael J. Lynch
Florida State University Law Library

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I was pleased to see that Westlaw's INT-ICJ file includes
International Court of Justice Reports of Judgements, Advisory
Opinions and Orders from 1947 to the present.
Ellen Schaffer
Georgetown University Law Library

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Gail Pressberg, Director of the Foundation for Middle East
Peace, recently visited the Yale Law School and brought to our
attention a book she recommends for a better understanding of the
Middle East situation, namely Shehadeh, Raja, Occupier's Law:
Israel and the West Bank, Washington, D.C.: Institute for
Palestine Studies, 1985. A second edition is to be published in
May. Inquiries may be made at the Institute, P.O.Box 25697-
Dan Wade
Yale Law Library

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There is one correction to the newsletter's last issue. The
Spanish language manual for aliens on the legalization process,
brought to our attention by Margaret Aycock, is best obtained by
writing Sally Johnson, Washington Lawyers Committee for Civil
Rights, 1400 Eye Street, N.W., Suite 450, Washington, D.C. 20005.
The cost is five dollars. The Committee has two other manuals on
the legalization process in English which it sells for fifteen
dollars each.

Dan Wade
Yale Law Library

WANTED: FOREIGN & INTERNATIONAL LAW LIBRARIANS

POSITION AT HARVARD LAW SCHOOL LIBRARY:

Title: Reference/Senior Reference Librarian for
Foreign and International Law

Description: Harvard Law School Library seeks a highly
qualified Librarian to join the International Legal Studies
Reference staff in provision of services to faculty, students and
other scholars in a demanding research environment. As a member of a five person reference staff, the Reference/Sr. Reference Librarian will provide reference assistance in the use of the library's extensive collection of Foreign, International and Comparative Law resources, in print and electronic format. The Librarian will be expected to maintain a high degree of expertise in several facets of research services, provide research advice and support to faculty, students and staff; advise on development and management of the Foreign and International Law collection; and participate in legal research instruction. Reports to the head of ILS reference services.

Requirements: Accredited ABA/ALA Law and Library Science degrees or equivalent Foreign degrees; minimum of three years of legal or law related reference experience; good reading knowledge of two major foreign languages. Additional relevant experience may be substituted for one of the above degrees. Candidates should be able to demonstrate sound knowledge of research librarianship, foreign and international law resources, and appropriate methodologies to handle complex reference problems; be able to initiate and foster close working relationships with faculty, students and other academic researchers; possess a sound service philosophy and excellent leadership and interpersonal skills. Preference will be given to candidates with extensive knowledge of the civil law system; significant experience in a large research library; demonstrated ability to serve as a contributing member of a team in a rapidly changing environment.

Other Information: Position available July 1. Appointment at Librarian II or III rank, dependant upon experience; salary negotiable, minimum $25,000 (II) or $30,600 (III). Generous benefits, including professional development support. Send a letter, resume and the names of three references to:
Sandra Coleman, Deputy Librarian
Harvard Law School
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138.

Review of applications will begin March 14 and continue until position is filled. Harvard University is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer.

POSITION AT LIBRARY OF CONGRESS LAW LIBRARY:

Title: Foreign Law Specialist (Legal Specialist)
GS-095-11 (5466) $27,716 - $36,032
GS-095-12 (5467) $33,218 - $43,181

Closing Date (Unless extended; inquire): March 11, 1988

Tour of Duty: Full time