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NLRC Plans Workshop on FCI Law Librarian Training

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The National Legal Resources Committee (NLRC) of AALL has proposed to sponsor a one-and-a-half day workshop to discuss the training of foreign and international law librarians. The workshop is planned for March 1991 to be held at the Library of Congress Law Library. It will have representation from all interested constituencies of the profession: law firm libraries, government libraries, and academic libraries. Both invited participants and committee members will be expected to write issue briefs as background for workshop discussions.

Workshop participants will look at what AALL can do beyond the established and planned activities of the FCIL SIS Education Committee and the FCIL SIS Five-Year Plan (see pages 5-7 of the May 1990 issue of this newsletter for a summary of the SIS's educational activities), to provide comprehensive and thorough training
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From the Editor

On the advice of the Publications Committee, the series on unique and strong foreign law collections is being continued - with a twist. It shifts from being jurisdiction-oriented to subject-oriented. I sought the Committee's opinions during its meeting last June (being chair I was able to set the agenda). Thus, Margaret Aycock's article on the Newlin Collection at Virginia. Three other collections were suggested and I will follow up these suggestions. I hope I get as willing and cooperative a response from them as I received from Margaret.

Other ideas came out of that group. These are: an article on transnational environmental law, some tips about vendors, and some mentoring articles. If you can write on environmental law, I will appreciate hearing from you. The tips about vendors can be one- or two-paragraph items like the ideas on information sources that some of you have been sending in.

This issue also introduces some cosmetic changes. The banner does not involve a title change, it is just re-designed. The crisper typography is a result of an updated version of First Publisher.

M. Rush

SIS Bylaws Amended at Annual Business Meeting

In an article in vol. 4, no. 2 (February 1990) of this newsletter, then Chair Tim Kearley wrote about the need for the articles in our Bylaws that pertain to the nomination and election of officers to be amended. Those proposed changes were presented and voted upon at the SIS Annual Meeting in Minneapolis this summer. They were approved as printed below (deletions struck out, additions italicized):

Article V, Section I: OFFICERS

The officers shall consist of a chairperson, a vice-chairperson/chairperson-elect, and a secretary/treasurer. ~~Terms shall normally run from one AALL annual meeting to the next; however, officers shall serve until their successors are elected.~~ *The Vice-Chairperson shall automatically become Chairperson at the end of one year. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected biennially. Officers shall serve until their successors are elected.*

Article VI, Section I: NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Executive Committee shall appoint a chairperson and two others to serve as a nominating committee. The members, whose terms shall be for one year, shall not be current officers or candidates at the next election. ~~Two candidates shall be designated for each of the offices of Vice-Chairperson/Chairperson-elect and Secretary/Treasurer.~~ *One candidate shall be nominated for the office of Vice-Chairperson/Chairperson-elect and one for the office of Secretary/Treasurer. During the even-numbered years there shall be an election for Vice-Chairperson. During the odd-numbered years there shall be an election for Vice-Chairperson and Secretary/Treasurer. In the event the Vice-Chairperson/Chairperson-elect*

cannot assume the duties of the Chairperson, the Nominating Committee shall also submit ~~two names of candidates~~ *one name of a candidate* for the office of Chairperson for the term of one year.

In the June 17, 1990 meeting of the current Publications Committee, the Committee voted to recommend the reprinting of the entire Bylaws as one of its projects. (This recommendation has been mentioned to the SIS Chair, but may need to be presented formally.) An updating will enable the incorporation of the amendments voted on in 1989 and in 1990 and will coincide with a revised SIS brochure.

The *FCIL Newsletter* is published in October, February, and May by the Foreign, Comparative and International Law Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries. The main goal of this Section is "to serve as a forum for the exchange of ideas and information on foreign, comparative and international law, and to represent its members' interests and concerns within the AALL."

The newsletter is sent free to members of the FCIL SIS. It is available for that "exchange of ideas and information."

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Discovering Guatemala Librarywise and Otherwise

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In August I had the pleasure of participating in a three-librarian team (Nancy Lazar, U.S. Court of Appeals Library, Washington, D.C., and Ana Milagros Rodriguez, U.S. Court of Appeals 1st Circuit Satellite Library, Old San Juan, Puerto Rico, being the other members) that travelled to Guatemala to evaluate the national court library. While there we travelled to a number of libraries and were generally quite impressed with the level of librarianship and automation we found.

CENALEX, Centro Nacional de Informatico Jurídica, an agency of the National Court (Organismo Judicial) is currently engaged in developing an automated index to Guatemala's legislation. One print product of this operation is *Indices de Legislation Penal*. A copy may be obtained by writing: Licenciado Josefina Coutino, CENALEX, Edificio Corte Suprema, 2nd Floor, 7a Avenida y 21 Calle, zone 1, Guatemala City, Guatemala.

Another automation project that North American readers should know about is CENARI (Centro Nacional de Referencias de Informacion), an automated database of economic information operated by the Guatemalan National Bank.

I was able to bring back the "classic" codes for a number of law schools. Presumably, copies of pertinent sections may be obtained from the University of Michigan, the RLG institution having the primary collecting responsibility for Guatemalan legal materials. The source of these was a little storefront bookshop, *Libreria Juridica* (21 Calle 7-15, zone 1, Guatemala City, Guatemala). Rather than direct ordering, I suggest that law schools interested in acquiring the Guatemala codes might join together and use a go-between, such as Mr. Israel Torres Cordova, the law librarian at the

Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala (the national university, the third oldest in the western hemisphere) to purchase and mail the codes back to the United States.

In conclusion, let me say that I highly recommend Guatemala as a vacation spot. The countryside is luxurious and the people warm and friendly inspite of great adversity. In the midst of allegedly massive human rights violations (i.e., murders), the tourist industry seems to function unmolested, and the Indian markets and Mayan ruins are exquisite.

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for prospective specialists in foreign, international and comparative law materials. The workshop will focus on identifying a plan with various components and options. Topics for discussion will include the length and subject matter of institutes, internships, certification, hiring criteria, funding, and the administration and supervision of approved programs.

The outcome of the workshop will be in the form of concrete proposals to AALL, for action at the 1991 AALL convention. A follow-up to the workshop has been proposed for that 1991 AALL New Orleans meeting as a Town Meeting, which provides an open forum for public discussion.

Ideas and suggestions for this workshop are invited and welcome! The workshop is being planned by Claire Germain, Duke University Law Library, and Shelley Dowling, Supreme Court of the United States. The Chair of the NLRC is Judith Wright, University of Chicago Law Library; she is guiding the development of this workshop. Please send your ideas and suggestions to Judith, Claire or Shelley.

On Information Sources

o In the May 1990 issue, we told you about the demise of the *Department of State Bulletin* with volume 89, number 2153 (December 1989). It continued to be a topic of discussion at our business meeting this summer. To replace it, the State Department has announced the publication of *Dispatch*. In the September 1990 issue of the *AALL Newsletter*, Val Bolen, our SIS columnist for that newsletter, has summarized the announcement including publication pattern, subscription particulars, and above all, what *Dispatch* will cover.

Meanwhile, just in time for Halloween, a new publication has appeared that can give one an eerie feeling. *Foreign Policy Bulletin; the Documentary Record of United States Foreign Policy* is out with its volume 1, number 1 (July/August 1990) issue. It is like seeing a ghost: this new publication has practically the same format as the *Department of State Bulletin*, from the type style to the contents, from the page makeup to the index. *Foreign Policy Bulletin* is a commercial publication that claims to maintain the continuity of the official *Bulletin*, as well as offer additional materials. Further information can be obtained from: Foreign Policy Bulletin, 4812 Butterworth Place NW, Washington, DC 20016.

o Jill McC. Watson, Librarian, American Society of International Law, has written to share information on developments in the coverage of international materials in the WESTLAW and LEXIS databases:

"I wanted to make sure that interested librarians in the FCIL SIS are aware that WESTLAW now carries international economic law documents in its "IEL" database. This is a handy source for GATT, and other multilateral treaties such as the European Community's "Treaty of Rome" and the New York Arbitration Convention, various copyright conventions, and assorted arbitration rules (UNCITRAL, ICC, AAA) that are sometimes

hard to lay one's hand on.

"Also making its on-line debut, but on LEXIS, is the *American Journal of International Law*. Volume 74 (1980) to date will be available. In the near future, *International Legal Materials* and *Basic Documents of International Economic Law* will also be available on LEXIS."

Directory of Graduate Foreign Law Students In Preparation

Daniel Wade
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By the time you are reading this, letters will have been sent out soliciting the names and home countries of foreign graduate law students for the first annual "Directory of African, Latin American, and Other Smaller Jurisdictions Graduate Foreign Law Students". The idea for the directory emerged from this summer's meetings of the Foreign Law Working Groups with the thought that these students might enable librarians to make better contacts in countries where it is more difficult to acquire legal publications.

If your library is seriously collecting foreign law or if you would simply like to share the directory with your graduate students, you may write or call Liliane McClenning at the Yale Law Library, Box 401A - Yale Station, New Haven, CT 06520, telephone (203) 432-1615, to request a copy. The cost (that of production) will hopefully be less than ten dollars. The directories should be mailed out by the end of October.

Professor Adolf Sprudz, University of Chicago, thanks all of his well-wishers during his recent illness and especially those who attended the summer institute on "International Law: The Basics and Beyond".

Two Germanies Unite: Some Key Points in the Agreement

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On August 31, the Federal Republic of Germany and the Democratic Republic of Germany signed the agreement that will govern the integration of the latter into the former. Final action by the East German Volkskammer was expected to occur by September 14 and by the West German Bundestag no later than September 21. All of the documents embodying this agreement total some 1,000 pages, but the following summarizes a few key points.

According to Article 1, the five East German states will join the Federal Republic on October 3 of this year, as will a new state of Berlin which will be created of the 23 districts currently comprising East and West Berlin. Berlin is designated as the capital of the resulting single country, but the actual seat of the government and parliament is to be decided later by a newly elected parliament.

The Federal Republic's constitution (basic law) will be valid for all Germany as of October 3. However, Article 23, which anticipated unification and allows for the entry of former parts of Germany into the Federal Republic, will be eliminated at the same time. This removes the possibility that the parts of pre-war Germany that are now in Poland could return to the Federal Republic under the same procedure; hence, German irredentists oppose this provision and have brought suit before the West German Constitutional Court to have declared unconstitutional a similar provision in the international agreement on German unification.

Two aspects of unification that are of great popular concern within the Germanies are abortion law and the treatment of the files of the former East German secret police. Under

the unification agreement, the more liberal East German abortion law will stay in effect at least until the end of 1992, at which point the new parliament is supposed to have addressed the issue.

If it has not, the East German law will stay in effect there. Perhaps more importantly, the law is deemed to apply on the basis of territoriality, as opposed to residence. This means that the law will apply in the way in which we generally expect it to - the law of the place of the activity will govern. West German abortion opponents had hoped to have the more restrictive West German law continue to apply to West German women, regardless of where in unified Germany the abortion occurred.

Finally, records of the former East German security agencies will remain in eastern Germany and will be turned over to a special commission made up of former East German citizens who will oversee access to the documents under legislative provisions to be created by the new parliament. Initially, it was thought that the records would be sent to archives in West Germany and be handled by an existing agency. This was a concern to many East Germans. Some thought that hearsay and lies put into the records by their enemies might be made public through lax security, while others felt that West Germans would not pursue former agents at the East German security service currently occupying positions of public trust.

Editor's Note: By the time you read this, Tim may already have received a copy of the full agreement. If interested, please contact him at (504) 388-8802.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Foreign, Comparative and International Law SIS Held in Minneapolis, June 17, 1990

Kurt Adamson
Secretary/Treasurer, 1989/90

Tim Kearley chaired the meeting held on Sunday. The first several items of business were my responsibility including the announcement of election results. Of course, Janet Zagorin of Baker and McKenzie in New York, took over as Chair of the FCIL SIS this year. The Spring election results were announced as follows: Amber Lee Smith, International Law Librarian, University of Miami Law Library, and Lyonette Louis-Jacques, Foreign & International Legal Reference Librarian, University of Minnesota were elected as Vice-Chair/Chair-elect and Secretary/Treasurer, respectively. I also announced the state of our finances, which showed a balance of \$951.46 as of June 1, 1990.

As editor of the FCIL SIS column in *AALL Newsletter*, I announced the turning over of the quill and ink (keyboard and fax machine) to Val Bolen, Foreign & International Law Librarian at Ohio State University Law Library. Please send Val LOTS of contributions for the column this year!

Irene Berkey reported that the Committee on International Placements (CIP) was being reorganized to operate as a more formal committee rather than a one-person operation. In addition, work was being done to revise the text of the CIP description in the FCIL brochure.

Mila Rush, *FCIL Newsletter* Editor, commented on improvements made in the newsletter this year and noted that our mailing list had grown from 285 to 315 people or institutions. Mila also thanked the authors of the feature articles, the regular contributors, and all the other contributors. Janet Zagorin, on behalf of FCIL, rose to praise Mila's fine

job on the newsletter. Janet also requested more contributions for the newsletter from the membership.

On behalf of Dan Wade, Publications Committee Chair, Marylin Raisch read the committee report. Dan reported another successful year with respect to the SIS's publications namely, the *FCIL Newsletter* and the column in the *AALL Newsletter*. Additionally, the Committee worked on the SIS brochure and on distributing Charles Mwalimu's bibliography on African law.

Reports were given on the various foreign law working groups and Ellen Schaffer spoke about the Foreign Law Survey. It is planned to have the survey published by Rothman in the *AALL Publications Series* in the fall of 1990.

Tim Kearley, Janet Zagorin, and Ellen Schaffer spoke about the demise of the *Department of State Bulletin* and the Department of State's tentative plans for a replacement called *Dispatch*. At the time of the meeting, it was suggested that members could write letters to the Department of State about the need for a replacement for the *Bulletin*.

Jeannette Yackle reported on the International Law Institute. There were 105 participants. Speakers at the program came from Canada, Europe, and the United States. Janet Zagorin gave special thanks to the University of Minnesota Law Library for their support and contributions to the institute.

Blanka Kudej reviewed the upcoming programs at the annual meeting and Claire Germain spoke on the work of the Education Committee, including a five-year plan. Proposals for next year include workshops on contemporary comparative law, collection development, and the implications of 1992 for libraries. Jurisdiction-specific programs proposed include the newest EEC members (Greece, Spain & Portugal) and/or East & West Germany. A program on international procedural law was also suggested. Other suggestions from the

floor were made such as maritime law & the Mississippi River, Napoleonic Code versus common law, and the law of the Eastern European countries.

Jon Pratter, Finance Committee Chair, discussed the Committee's deliberations and work this year on fund raising issues. A recommendation was made to AALL that all dues, not just a portion of them, go to the SISs. The Committee is also seeking to find a more rational way for SISs to raise funds to support special projects. Roger Jacobs has been appointed by AALL to investigate these matters and report to its Financial Advisory Committee.

Tim Kearley reviewed the Bylaws proposals published in the February 1990 issue of the *FCIL Newsletter*. Both changes were approved by vote of the membership at the meeting.

Janet Zagorin spoke about the great response to her request for volunteers for committees for the upcoming year. Finally, she closed the meeting after expressing the appreciation of the SIS for the work done by Tim Kearley as Chair of the Section. [Applause from the membership!]

Working Groups Continue Annual Discussions

As in the past two to three years, the three Foreign Law Working Groups met this summer in Minneapolis. The groups met separately, though in succession the morning of Sunday, June 17. They were all chaired by Dan Wade of Yale Law Library.

Victor Essien of Fordham Law Library, Maria Smolka-Day of Biddle Law Library, and Mary lin Raisch of Columbia University Law Library filed these reports:

African Law Working Group
Victor Essien, Reporter

Eight members were in attendance. The group discussed and shared information and strategies on the special problems associated with acquisition and collection development on African law. The group resolved to meet again during the next AALL Annual Meeting in New Orleans and to consult with each other informally in the course of the year.

Latin American Law Librarians
Maria Smolka-Day, Reporter

The group's discussion concentrated on the progress of several ongoing projects:

- o putting Latin American official gazettes on microfiche
- o indexing of the region's legislation by the Library of Congress
- o status of primary collecting responsibilities (PCRs) and primary bibliographic responsibilities (PBRs)

Dan Wade presented a rather critical report on the implementation of PCRs by assigned libraries and proposed the use of a uniform country profile form (e.g. the one developed by the Northeast Foreign Law Librarians Group) as a tool for collection evaluation. Keith Ann Stiverson spoke about the Library of Congress project of indexing Hispanic periodicals. The group decided to extend its interests to the English-speaking Caribbean. Several problems connected with the acquisition, dissemination, and retrieval of legal materials from both Spanish- and English-speaking countries were discussed.

Soviet Law Working Group
Mary lin Raisch, Reporter

The group which met at this year's annual meeting was representative of a mixed group of libraries, with private as well as academic librarians attending. The presence of the law firm librarians reflected rather dramatically the new interest and excitement generated by recent changes in Soviet and Eastern European societies. With the drafting and

implementation of new laws and even constitutions, these jurisdictions present challenges to foreign law librarians scrambling to keep pace with the changes. Most significant of all are the proposals for shifting over from state-controlled, socialist economies to various degrees of free-market activity, and legal practitioners are now assisting clients with trade and investment in these countries.

Evidence of some new "town-and-gown" cooperative information-sharing was presented at the meeting in the form of a newsletter article published by the Minnesota State Bar Association, entitled "Researching the Law of the Soviet Union," by Lyonette Louis-Jacques in the *International Business Law News*, Spring 1990, p. 30-31,33. This and other efforts to educate librarians and lawyers about the sources of Soviet law have made possible some wider discussions about how the actual documentation can most rapidly be disseminated and organized. Also, firms themselves now have contacts in the USSR through branch offices or visiting attorneys, and we were invited to explore this option as events unfold.

Several announcements were made of other developments in the publication of Soviet and Eastern European legal materials. Professor Igor Kavass of Vanderbilt continued to offer his expertise both directly and as an editor of *SEEL: Soviet & East European Law*, Transnational Juris Publications, Feb. 1990-, among other projects. The University of Florida and the Polish Academy of Sciences have separate database projects which are said to be in development regarding joint venture and other commercial laws.

Finally, as if to put it all in historical perspective, records for Harvard's pre-Soviet collection will be going into the RLIN database with the help of a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

While these activities generate a great deal of excitement, the day-to-day changes create

obvious difficulties in keeping aware of current laws and also in developing strategies for resource-sharing, a concept being explored and evaluated in all the working groups (which this reporter attended). For this area, it is not known whether what are now considered sub-jurisdictions of the USSR, for example, will continue to remain so long enough for the division of responsibilities to be considered by libraries collecting in these areas.

For all the above-stated reasons, little progress was made in the identification of any collecting responsibilities in the area of the Soviet republics for this larger group of libraries, with the possible exception of collections already existing at the University of Chicago for Latvia and Rutgers-Camden for Estonia. Law Library collecting is also faced with a geographical/semantic challenge which was raised by several librarians at this very meeting, namely, whether the working group should change its name to "Eastern European Law Working Group" and whether even this title would remain unaltered in the face of Hungary's overtures to the European Community, the (now) certainty of German unification, and other developments, known or undreamt of as of this writing, which may further alter our world geopolitically and legally.

The meeting was adjourned with our personal "networking" strategies enhanced but our shared collection strategies on hold with our collective need to "stay tuned for further developments."

Earl Weisbaum, Foreign and International Law Librarian, University of Houston Law Library, is recuperating at the Methodist Hospital in Houston. You may send mail for him to: Law Library, University of Houston, Houston TX 77204. The Library staff will see to it that mail marked "Personal" is delivered to him.

Classification of European Legal Materials Explained at Workshop

Areta Halibey
University of Chicago

The post-AALL convention Workshop on Library of Congress "Law of Europe" Classification Schedule took place on Thursday, June 21, 1990 from 8:30 to 4:30. It was sponsored by the Technical Services SIS and directed by Ann Sitkin from the Harvard Law School Library. There were about 60 workshop participants, most of them law school librarians, who have an interest in the Europe classification schedule both as a cataloging tool and as a reference tool.

The main topic of the workshop dealt with the application of LC subclasses KJ, KJA, KJC and KJE of the "Law of Europe" (KJ-KKZ) schedule. Dr. Jolande Goldberg, Law Classification Specialist at the Library of Congress, covered in her presentation the theoretical aspects of the KJ and KK-KKZ subclasses. The second member of the faculty, Marie Whited, now on the staff of the Jacob Burns Law Library, George Washington University and formerly of the Library of Congress, conducted the afternoon session, which focused on the practical application of the schedules based on sample problems.

Dr. Goldberg spoke on the history and structure of the K (Law) schedules and their relationship to other schedules. The main problem has been the relationship of regional schedules to class K and classes J (Political Science) and H (Social Sciences) when similar subject areas are concerned. Class K and subclass JX both include works of global aspects, the former in private international and comparative law, the latter in public international law. Regional subclasses include works with regional aspects in private and comparative law, and also regional organizations based in the specific region. Treaties establishing international organizations are classed with the organization. Subject has

priority over form.

The Law of Europe schedule consists of a historical part (KJ-KJA) and a jurisdictional part (KJG-KKZ). All countries or jurisdictions within a continent or region are arranged alphabetically. Historical and socioeconomic similarities are reflected in the laws produced, and therefore allow for application of refined tables to a multitude of jurisdictions. Through comparative analysis, generally underlying concepts were determined, and patterns that were found to be common and essential to the largest number of jurisdictions were identified.

Schedules were developed for major legal systems and were used as models for related or similar systems. The technical design was created by refining the model schedule KK and was based on pattern repetition. KK served as a number pool for the structure of subclasses KJ to KKZ, with some adjustments for French-influenced legal systems in Europe. It will also indirectly serve as a model for the civil law tables being designed for Asian and African civil law jurisdictions. A conspectus of the KL and KM-KZ schedules was provided.

This presentation on theoretical structure was followed by a discussion of recent political developments in Europe: the reunification of Germany, the breakup of the Soviet empire, Europe in 1992, and how these events might affect regional schedules.

The afternoon session began with an overview of form division tables and expanded into a discussion of particular class numbers on KJ, KJC and KJE. Sample title pages provided the basis for cataloging exercises and questions.

Participants gained an understanding of the theoretical outline and the underlying pattern in classification development. The binder that was distributed to the workshop participants included a very useful bibliography by fellow SIS member Tim Kearley.

CALL, IALL Joined Forces to Discuss Caribbean Legal Information

Margaret Durkin
Yale Law Library

During the week of April 15-20, 1990, the Caribbean Association of Law Libraries and the International Association of Law Libraries jointly sponsored a conference in Barbados entitled "Caribbean Legal Information: Sources and Access". The conference was hosted by the Faculty of Law Library, University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados. The program drew participants from libraries in Caribbean jurisdictions, the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom.

The conference served as a source of information on legal publishing, legal systems, substantive law, and the location and availability of collections of Caribbean materials, with primary emphasis on the Commonwealth Caribbean.

The local arrangements committee also provided a variety of social functions to acquaint the conference participants with the history and culture of Barbados. These functions included a walking tour of historic Bridgetown, the Parliament Building and the High Court, an evening of dance and music at the Barbados Museum and Historical Society, a cocktail reception hosted by the Attorney General of Barbados, and a reception and tour of the West Indies Faculty of Law Library.

Of particular interest were several programs describing the extent of Caribbean law holdings in the Caribbean and those sources located outside the region, including major collections in the United Kingdom and North America. Ellen Taylor, Librarian, Foreign and Commonwealth Office Law Library, London, encouraged participants to use the FCO Library (Room E 213, Downing Street (East), London SW1A 2AL, telephone 270 3022/3024, fax 930 2364) as a source for primary Caribbean materials. Michael Lynch,

Associate Director, College of Law Library, Florida State University, described the work of the Caribbean Law Institute and the holdings in the United States.

Freebies!

The Law Division of the Library of Michigan is offering 19th and 20th century case reporters and statutes from several different countries free of charge to interested libraries willing to pay the shipping costs. These materials include major holdings from South Africa, India and Ceylon and scattered holdings from Southern Rhodesia, Burma, Liberia and the East Africa Protectorate. The Division will ship entire sets or individual volumes on a first come, first served basis.

For a list of available titles, contact Nancy Whitmer, Library of Michigan, State Law Library, P.O. Box 30012, Lansing, MI 48909 or phone (517) 373-0630 or fax (517) 373-3915.

The Newlin Collection on Oceans Law and Policy of the University of Virginia Law Library

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Introduction

The Newlin Collection on Oceans Law and Policy is a unique special collection that brings together materials on a broad range of oceans law and policy issues. The collection, consisting of approximately 14,000 books, 3,000 documents, 150 journals, and 200 maps and atlases, has been one of the strengths of the University of Virginia Law Library since the School's Center of Oceans Law and Policy was created in 1974.

The collection includes materials on all aspects of oceans law and policy. Among the holdings are the official records of the United Nations Conferences on the Law of the Sea, environmental impact statements for offshore drilling, aquaculture studies, treatises on shipping economics, and admiralty law decisions. Also included are books on naval history and naval warfare, the polar regions, coastal zone management, and charts of maritime boundaries.

Historical Development and Scope of the Collection

In 1974, the Center for Oceans Law and Policy was founded as a result of a multi-million dollar grant from the Henry L. and Grace Doherty Charitable Foundation. The Center is a research and teaching unit of the University of Virginia. It sponsors courses, seminars, a monthly "Oceans Policy Forum" in Washington, D.C., and an annual Doherty Lecture on Oceans Policy. The Center has published a series of oceans policy studies. Currently, scholars at the Center are working on an article-by-article commentary on the United Nations Convention on the Law of the

Sea. Their work is being published (now in its first volume) under the title: *United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 1982: A Commentary*, edited by Myron H. Nordquist.

Because of the international implications of oceans law, a major program of the Center has been to bring in experts as well as graduate students from other countries for teaching, study and research at the Law School. The Law School also offers courses in oceans law for J.D. students which are taught by faculty from the Center. A combined M.A./J.D. degree in Marine Affairs and a Master of Laws degree with a specialization in oceans law are now offered.

University of Virginia faculty, students and Oceans Center staff are the principal users of the Newlin Collection which was first established in 1974 by bringing together materials already in the Law Library's collection. Over the years the collection has grown, and two years ago the Law Library received a grant of \$197,000 from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to be used for books and other materials for the Collection. Our present goal is to develop a collection of national and international significance by acquiring materials in all languages and in all formats, regardless of date, which pertain to oceans law and policy.

Access

The Newlin Collection is arranged and shelved using a specialized classification system developed at the University of Virginia Law Library by Anne K. Myers. Bibliographic records may be accessed through the Law Library's INNOPACQ on-line catalog. Book catalogs of the oceans collection are published annually. The holdings appear in the OCLC (OCLC Online Computer Library Center, Inc.) database.

Current acquisitions of the University of Virginia Law Library, as well as those of Dalhousie Law School Library in Halifax, Nova Scotia are reflected in the *Marine Affairs*

Bibliography, which has been published at the University of Virginia Law School since 1988.

Law of the Sea Archives

In the early 1980s, the University of Virginia Law Library established an archival and manuscripts collection of materials devoted to the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS III). Marsha Trimble, the Law School Archivist, has arranged the papers which have come from a number of sources to reflect the evolution of UNCLOS III. The collection has three major divisions: official U.N. negotiating documents, delegations' official records and working files, and individual delegates' files. To date, selected papers have been received from the U.S., Israeli, Irish, Ukrainian SSR, and Fiji delegations. Observers, including the observer to UNCLOS III from the EEC, have contributed documents, notes and correspondence.

Rare Books

The Law Library has a small collection of about 200 volumes of rare books pertaining to maritime law and history. Among the materials are classic treatises on admiralty law, histories of piracy, and a few maritime codes. These books are shelved in the Rare Book Room of the Law Library. Please contact Marsha Trimble for additional information.

In Conclusion

The University of Virginia Law Library welcomes inquiries from all persons with a research interest in oceans-related issues. Much of the collection is available for loan to other institutions. Interlibrary loan requests may be made on OCLC. The Law Library's telefax number is (804) 982-2232.

For additional information, please contact Margaret Aycock, Oceans/International Law Librarian or Marsha Trimble, Archivist, at (804) 924-3384.