

- monitoring the effect of poliomyelitis vaccinations;
- detection of chromosomal abnormalities.

Professor Hayes said that physical abuse and medical experimentation without consent were clearly within the scope of conduct 'abusing a person's privacy'. He pointed out that at present there were no general and effective individual rights in hospitals and other areas where privacy tended to be at risk. He urged mental health authorities to consider the protections suggested in the ALRC discussion paper on *Privacy and Personal Information*.

atavistic fears? 1981 is the International Year of the Disabled Person. There will surely be a role for lawyers and for law reform in the efforts of the Year. The disabled include the mentally disabled. A lawyer in charge of the New York Handicapped Persons' Legal Support Unit, himself confined to a wheelchair since boyhood polio, explained society's difficulty in coming to grips with these problems:

Looking at why the handicapped are discriminated against ... I attribute it to an unconscious fear of injury or death. When able-bodied people come into contact with someone with a disability, they see a potential threat to themselves — a reminder of the fragile nature of life. And able-bodied people don't want to be reminded.

Will able-bodied lawyers concerned about disability law reform please stand up.

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- : 43 : *Report on 'The Wills Act' and the Doctrine of Substantial Compliance, 1980.*
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what's going on in the LRCs?**Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC)**

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- *Sentencing.* Interim Report widely discussed. See p. 27.
- *Privacy.* Public hearings and seminars in all parts of Australia concluded November/December 1980. Report due September 1981. See p. 21.
- *Debt Recovery.* WIH. ALRC co-operation with NSWLRC, TasLRC and WALRC.
- *Class Actions and Standing.* WIH. Report(s) expected September 1981. See below SALRC.
- *Aboriginal Customary Laws.* DP circulating. Public hearings May 1981. See p. 8.
- *Child Welfare.* WIH. Draft report under consideration. Legislation being prepared. Report due February 1981.
- *Evidence.* Issues Paper and DP circulating. See p. 2. Co-operation with NSWLRC.
- *Law Reform Digest.* WIH. Publication mid 1981.
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- *Legal Profession.* Inquiry. WIH. Drafting continues on DPs and BPs. See p. 15.
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- *Unincorporated Associations.* WIH.
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