Mr. Hayden continued that the Australian Government did not condone armed struggle. It did, however, understand why opponents of apartheid had turned to it. "We hold the apartheid system itself responsible for the escalation of tension, confrontation and violence in South Africa", Mr. Hayden said.

The Australian Government would be prepared to see the establishment in Australia of information offices of the ANC and SWAPO. Such offices would not be granted a privileged status, nor would their staff be given special standing. However, the Government believed that information activities by such offices were legitimate and accorded with the operation of a free democratic society.

NORTHERN TERRITORIES CRIMINAL CODE

On 17 November 1983, the Prime Minister, Mr. R.J.L. Hawke wrote to the Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, the Hon. P.A.E. Everingham, concerning the Criminal Code, 1983 (N.T.). The Prime Minister indicated that certain aspects of the Code were of concern to the Commonwealth.

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The Commonwealth had received numerous representations, mainly from or on behalf of the Aboriginal community, a matter of Commonwealth concern under s.51(26) of the Constitution. The Prime Minister indicated that certain of these matters causing concern might, inter alia, involve breaches of Australia's international obligations in the field of human rights, or might be more appropriately dealt with under Commonwealth law - for example acts of terrorism against overseas and interstate aircraft, internationally protected persons and foreign governments.

PUBLICATIONS

EXTRATERRITORIALITY - RECOGNITION OF ANTITRUST JUDGEMENTS

Justice P.N. Nygh concludes that there is little likelihood that a U.S. antitrust judgement would have been enforced in Australia at common law. at least from a legal viewpoint, the Foreign Antitrust judgements (Restruction of Enforcement) Act 1979 was probably superfluous. The validity of the latter under the Australian Constitution and under international law is also examined. The author believes that the best conclusion one can reach is that in the absence of an international consensus there is no rule of international law which either prohibits the exercise of extraterritorial jurisdiction antitrust nor is there any rule which prohibits the refusal of another country to co-operate with such an exercise. In other words the law of the jungle, of action and retaliation, operates until such time as nations can agree. The U K. legislation, the Protection of Trading Interests Act, 1980 provides some remedy where Australian legislation does not - the attachment of the assets of an Australian defendant under a U S. antitrust judgement whether those assets be in the U.S. or a third country. Finally, the author observes that as public cartels such as OPEC escape U.S. antitrust law because of the doctrine of sovereign immunity, even in its restricted form, surely it is not too late to come to some reasonable international arrangements before similar government sponsored cartels arise with respect to other vital energy resources. P.E

Nygh, The Enforcement of United States Anti Trust Judgements in Australia (1980) 16 Gonzaga Law Review 1. [see also Australian Practice, above].

TREATIES AND TRAVAVX PREPARATOIRES

Article 32 of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties allows for recourse to travaux preparatoires to confirm a meaning or where a meaning is ambiguous, obscure or leads to a result which is manifestly absurd or unreasonable. The High Court has confirmed that reliance may be had on article 32: Tasmania v. Commonwealth (Dam Case) (1983) 57 ALJR 450, noted in (1983) 57 ALJ 542.

LAWASIA HUMAN RIGHTS BULLETIN

Lawasia, 170 Phillip Street, Sydney 2000, Australia, Aus \$10.00 p.a.

The July 1983 issue (Volume II No.1) has just been published. The Bulletin is the only publication of its kind covering the ESCAP region, and is published by the Lawasia Human Rights Committee co-chaired by Mr. F.S. Nariman, Senior Advocate of India, and Mr. P.J. Downey, Chief Human Rights Commissioner of New Zealand. The editor and assistant editor are Mr. Justice R.M. Hope and Ms. Patricia Hyndman of Australia. The Bulletin summarises developments, executive legislative and judicial, in lawasia countries, together with special items such as the Lawasia Human Rights Committee activities, refugees, and the United Nations.

DEFAMATION AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

It would seem that there may now also be potential for the Commonwealth to enact its own defamation law, perhaps based on the Bill drafted by the Australian Law Reform Commission, (the ALRC Bill). In addition to the external affairs power, and the corporations power as defined in the Franklin Dam case, there is of course the overseas and interstate trade and commerce power, the power in relation to the electronic media, and also in relation to commonwealth instrumentalities (the ABC and the SBS). However, what has emerged from the Standing Committee of Attorney's General (Press Statement 15 July, 1983, No 94/83) is a proposal for a uniform draft bill (made public on 26 November 1983) which will apparently vary in some important aspects from the ALRC Bill (See comments, <u>Bill of Rights</u>, above). In particular the defence and justification will not be based on truth alone, but truth and public benefit Subsequently, an alternative justification was released which represents a Remedies will include a power to direct retractions compromise. corrections and to order publication of a report of the result of a defamation action. Reaction in the media and the profession was, with some exceptions, unfavourable; the widely held view was that similar constraints to free speech as prevail in some states would be extended throughout Australia and the liberty of the media to satisfactorily raise matters of public interest without fear of defamation actions would thereby be restricted. Some would argue that a public official or public figure must prove actual malice in an action based on a defamatory falsehood. (New York Times v. Sullivan 376 US 254 (1964)). This proposition was not accepted previously by the Australian Law Reform The Attorney has noted Commission and was thus not contained in its Bill. reaction to the Bill, and changes are to be discussed in the Standing Committee of Attorneys General.

The existence of eight different jurisdictions in defamation in Australia can lead to extraordinary results. The considerable conflict of laws problems which arise in relation to torts is exacerbated by the Australia wide distribution of the media and the lack of uniformity. In 32 18 CLQ Rev. 452 (1983) Peter Handford examines this question where he indicates that one way of alleviating the difficulties of this situation is to regard defamation as being comitted where the reputation is injured and not necessarily in every jurisdiction where it is published — though in the case of national figures

such as Prime Ministers this might not make too much difference, since the injury would still presumably occur in every jurisdiction. He concludes, too, that the real solution will be to enact uniform defamation laws. However, since that article, the decision has been handed down in the Franklin Dam case which could well constitute a green light to the Commonwealth to go ahead unilaterally. That decision of course depends more on political questions than on legal issues.

ILO HAZARD ALERT SYSTEM

An international occupational and health hazard alert system has come into force within the ILO. Mr J.G. Starke notes that it is to early to say whether this innovative set of arrangements will lead to any general rules of international law such as a specific duty on government to notify each other of occupational hazards detected or suspected: (1983) 57 ALJ 538

MASSIVE FLOWS OF CIVILIANS

The commentator, Mr J.G. Starke, discusses the problem of these mass movements of civilians who are not refugees within the meaning of the 1951 Convention on the Status of Refugees which is the subject of a background paper prepared for the International Institute of Humanitarian Law by Mr G.J.L. Coals of the Australian Foreign Service. The problem is of considerable practicle importance because of the number of massive flows in recent years in different parts of Africa and Asia (1983) 57 ALJ 366.

STATE SUCCESSION

At (1983) 57 ALJ 480, Mr J.G. Starke comments on the <u>Vienna Convention on Succession of States in Respect of State Property, Archives and Debts, 1983.</u>

Among the eleven states who voted against the Convention were various Western European states, as well as the US and Canada. Australia abstained. The commentator concludes that it is unlikely the Convention will gain universal acceptance or even that the majority will regard its rules as standards or guidelines.

MARITIME FRAUDS

Because of wide spread maritime frauds, the London based International Maritime Bureau has proposed introduction of a "secure" bill of lading for high risk cargoes using devices such as water marks, security threats, embossed printing, serial numbers and registration. This is because of the frequency with which letters of credit are presented with forged supporting documents to paying banks. The article also discusses other forms of maritime fraud - the amount involved each year is unknown but the figure usually quoted is one billion dollars: 1 ICC Business World 5 (1983).

INTERIM PROTECTION

Interim Protection: A Functional Approach by Jerome B. Elkind. The Hague: Martinus Nijhoff, 1981. Pp.XXIV, 287. Index Dfl 140; U.S.\$59.00.

Interim measures in the Hague Court: An Attempt at a Scrutiny Jerzy Sztucki Deventer: Kluwer, 1983 Pp.xvii, 332 Indices.

From the publication in 1932 of Edward Dumbaulds's authoritative work, Interim Measures of Protection in International Controversies until 1981, there was no book published on this important topic. These two works, different in approach will fill the gap. Dr. Elkind, from the University of Auckland, approaches the problem teleologically; for the author the purpose of Article 38(1)(c) of the ICJ statute is to provide interim relief, therefore there is no need for the court to satisfy itself either as to the certainty nor the high probability of

jurisdiction; on this Dr. Sztucki, Docent in International Law at the University of Lund, Sweden, gives a descriptive outline of the relevant law and jurisprudence. In the section "Comments" in this issue, we refer to an article by the new French judge of the International Court of Justice, M. Guy de Lacharriere, in which the author stresses that it was the view of the Court on the question of jurisdiction for the purposes of interim protection which, among other reasons, caused the French government to withdraw its acceptance of the Court's jurisdiction under the optional clause. Given her important role in the formulation of the Court and the development of its role over the years, this view is indeed significant. Both of these works, in different ways, make important contributions to an understanding of this issue, one which assumed considerable importance in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific region generally at the time of the Nuclear Tests Case.

PROSPECTS FOR A NEW LAW OF THE SEA

Edited by Professor Ivan Shearer. Martin Place Paper No.2 Sydney, published by The New South Wales Institute of Technology for the International Law Association (Australia Branch), 1983. Pp.iii, 97, Appendix 93. Aus.\$6.00.

In these papers, the Australian Ambassador to UNCLOS, Mr. Keith Brennan discusses the results of UNCLOS; J.P. Reynolds comments on the deep sea mining regime and possible alternatives; D.F. Jackson Q.C. discusses the Australian constitution arrangements relating to the law of the sea; and W.R. Edeson comments on international fishing agreements. The opening address of Mr. Justice R.J. Ellicot is also published, as is the Australian statement when it signed the U.N. Convention. The latter is of significance, because Australia, close ally of the U.S. and as a country with a very long coast line and great mineral wealth, was still prepared to accept the compromises represented by the convention. Those interested in the law of the sea, and natural resources lawyers, will find these papers of considerable interest. The annexed Convention on the Law of the Sea will be a useful reference.

Readers might also note the article by Michael J. Glennon, "The Senate Role in Treaty Ratification", 77 AJIL 257 (1983) where he concludes that the statement by the President of the United States the U.S. would refrain from actions which would undercut the Salt Agreement so long as the Soviet Union shows equal restraint may well have created a binding obligation under the unilateral declaration within the meaning of the Nuclear Tests Case [1974] ICJ 253. He argues that the statement of Soviet President Brezhnev delivered by the Foreign Minister to the U.N.General Assembly on 15 June 1982, that "the Soviet Union assumes an obligation not to be the first to use nuclear weapons. This obligation shall become effective immediately, on the moment it is made public from the rostrum of the General Assembly" is also a binding unilateral declaration. an interview with a Soviet commentator trasmitted over the Sydney Channel 9 TV programme in July, the commentator suggested that Australia could rely on this unilateral declaration in the event that Australia terminated the arrangements whereby United States bases are located on Australian territory. In the Nuclear Test Case, it was left open to Australia to return to the court in the event that atmospheric testing was recommenced.

In relation to a nuclear attack in breach of the unilateral declaration, it is doubtful whether there would be the time, and indeed any utility, in approaching the ICJ for indication of interim measures!

BRANDT REPORT - MARK 2

A further report has been made by the Brandt Commission: "Common Crisis North-South: Coorporation for World Recovery", William Collins, 1983, A\$5.95. Three years ago the Independent Commission on International Development issues published its first report "North-South - A Programme for Survival", Three years later, with worsening economic conditions and a lack of global co-operation, this report proposes further solutions to the world's economic problems.

AIR LAW

Professor Dr. I.H. Ph. Diederiks-Verschoor, An Introduction to Air Law . Kluwer, Antwerp Boston London and Frankfurt, 1982 pp.XXII, 185. Index U.S. \$36 Dfe go.

This is a remarkably concise survey of this growing branch of international law. In addition, the author attempts to call attention to new technological developments and legal innovations. Its purpose is to furnish practical guidance and orientation to the student and practitioner who wishes to gain a broad view of the subject. The following topics are discussed: the history and development of Air Law, the Chicago Convention, the liability of the carrier under the Warsaw system, insurance, property rights in aircraft including leasing, assistance and salvage, as well as the relationship between criminal law and aviation. The width of the work can thus be seen. Cases from a number of jurisdictions, especially the United States, are discussed. The work is particularly readable and will be of interest to the student and practitioner in this important field. In her preface, the distinguished author notes the need for the type of book she has written; she stresses that more profound knowledge and understanding can only be acquired from existing standard works and either publications of interest to the reader. The author has succeeded admirably in her aims; this book will no doubt be prescribed for a variety of courses in international air law across the world, and used by lawyers and others who wish to gain an understanding of the subject.

DISARMEMENT

We noted in our last issue that appointment of an Australian Ambassador for Disarmament, Mr. Richard Butler. A report on this important question has been issued by the Independent Commission on Disarmament and Security Issues under the Chairmanship of the former Swedish Prime Minister, Olof Palm, "Common Security: A Programme for Disarmament" Pan, 1982 A\$5.95.

NEW JOURNAL

Documents Juridiques Internationaux, published by the Quebec Society of International Law, is an important new journal. The editors, Professor Francis Rigaldies and Professor Daniel Turp of the University of Montreal present a collection of recently available documents in the French language, parallel to the English language journal, International Legal Materials. Given the historical and continuing importance of the French language in international law, this is a major achievement. The January 1983 issue, Volume 2 No.1, contains the U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea, UN Security Council Resolutions in relation to the Lebanon, the UN Secretary General's Report, the GATT Ministerial Declaration and the relevant EEC Declaration, the Agreement between Canada and the U.S. on the Evaluation of Defence Systems, the Co-operation Agreement between Quebec and the French community in Belguim, the ICJ judgement - Libya v. Malta; and a novel section is the publication of and certain unilateral declarations, in this issue those by Belguim, Canada and France.

INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL LAW

Practice

In "What the Chief Executive Needs to Know about Currencies and International Taxation" John Chown argues that exchange rates, interest rates and inflation are not separate problems but ones which are closely related. He believes they are also closely tied up with international taxation. See: Foreign Exchange Risk": A Tax and Financial Analysis, by J.F. Chown. Ayez Longman 1983; J.F. Chown, The Tax Treatment of Foreign Exchange Fluctuations in the United States and the United Kingdom 16 George Washington Journal of International Law and Economics 00(1982)

International Financial Law Review

The U.K. based <u>International Financial Law Review</u>, published monthly, continues to provide numerous informative articles and news in this field. The style of the articles is commendably clear - the journal will figure prominently in the library of practitioners in international finance. The contents pages are published at the end of this issue.

IMF Articles of Agreement

In Australia and Article VIII Section 2(b) of the Articles of Agreement of the International Monetary Fund (1983) 57 ALJ 560, Sir Joseph Gold seeks to explain Australia's failure to incorporate Article VIII Section 2(b) into its domestic law. That article provides that "Exchange Contracts which involve the currency of any member and which are contrary to the exchange control regulations of that member...shall be unenforceable in the territories of any member". Sir Joseph argues that there are two misunderstandings held by some Australian authors - first that the Article would apply to Australian exchange control regulations in Australian courts, and second, that Article VIII s.2(b) would require that Australian courts should refuse to apply Australian exchange control regulations inconsistent with the article

BOOK REVIEWS

SDR's Currencies and Gold International Monetary Fund by Sir Joseph Gold, Washington D.C. 1983 Pp.xiii, 148 Index. Pamphelt Series No.40.

This is the sixth survey of new legal developments in this area of the law. The author continues his extensive publication in the field of international monetary law, noting the increases in both the list of authorised holders of SDR's and in the number of bodies using the SDR as a unit of account, including provision for its use in U.S. Accounting Statement FASB52 and by Lloyd's. For a checklist of treaties using the SDR see 22 ILM 209 (1983). In relation to currencies, the legal consequences which flow from the absence of authorisation and approval by the IMF of multiple currency practice, and the development of the Miliangos doctrine [1975] 2 All ER 801 are noted. In relation to gold, the most important developments have been in airline accident cases concerning the limitation of liability under the Warsaw Convention: Franklin Mint Corporation et al v. Trans World Airlines Inc. 690 F.2d. 303; cf; Deere & Company v. Deutsche Lufthansa Aktiengesellschaft 22 ILM 82 (1983) (see Casenotes, this issue)

The Fund Agreement in the Courts by Sir Joseph Gold. Washington, International Monetary Fund 1982. Pp.xii 499 Appendices. Bibliography. Indices U.S.\$17.50.

A major theme of the volume by the eminent authority, Sir Joseph Gold, is the judicial interpretation of Article VIII, Section 2(b) of the Articles of the IMF. This provides that exchange contract in breach of the exchange control regulations of a member are not to be enforceable in the territory of other members. One important and controversial question has been whether a narrow meaning should be given to the words "exchange contracts". The House of Lords in <u>United City Mechants (Investments) Ltd v. Royal Bank of Canada [1982] 2 WLR 1039 has adopted the narrow meaning, but is equally prepared to find disguised exchange contracts. Of course not all jurisdictions will adopt the view of the House of Lords.</u>

The final chapter of the text discusses the complex international financial law aspects of the U.S. freeze of Iranian assets as a result of the taking of diplomatic hostages on the notification of the introduction of payments restrictions for security reasons (IMF Executive Board Decision No.144-52/51) This chapter illustrates the continuing attention of the author to current legal development in this area. The book concludes with useful appendices: a note on the history of the drafting of Article VIII, Section 2(b); the difficulties involved in the judicial interpretation of gold units of account in treaties, and other documents now that the Second Amendments to the IMF Articles have put an end to the gold exchange standard; the unenforceability of exchange contracts, the GATT and nonmembers of the IMF: and finally the relationship between Article VIII, Section 2(b), governments private parties and arbitration. The bibliography and five indices are of considerable research utility. This volume, and hopefully, its successors, are an indispensable reference.

Emerging Financial Centres - Legal and Institutional Framework Ed. Robert C. Effros, Washington, IMF, 1982. Pp.XV, 1113. U.S. \$135.00, this book deals with the legal and institutional framework of the financial system of new financial centres. It examines the background and operation of the financial system of each centre, followed by its monetary, central bank and general banking laws. This is followed by selected laws of the main financial institutions and any enacted laws on securities regulation.

It is interesting to consider the development of the two major new financial markets. Many aspects of Hong Kong's legal framework could not be treated as a model for other new centres. It has for example, although the Government's banking and some of normal central bank functions, are handled by the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. Its offshore and onshore markets are virtually indivisible. Until the late 1960's it was the major regional financial centre, but since then Singapore, and now Manila, have entered the field.

The Singapore government, especially through the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) has actively encouraged the development of a sophisticated financial market, including the Asian currency or Asian Dollar Market. Innovative policies by the government and its Monetary Authority, too recent to be recorded in this book, have included the proposal to develop in 1984 a futures market with a link to the Chicago Mercantile exchange. Non-resident access and trading in financial futures will apparently be allowed.

This is a useful comparative study. Academic researchers, government and banking personnel and practitioners will find it useful.

FALKLAND/MALVINAS WAR

Sir Nicholas Parkinson, British Ambassador for the U.S., has written his "memoirs" of the diplomatic side of the war in America and the Falkland The Economist 12 November 1983 p.49. In our previous issue we noted Professor Frank's article, and the excellent history of the war in Professor Rousseau's continuing series.

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A TASK FORCE SET UP BY THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION will review the problem of unitary taxation by US states, following the Supreme Court decision not to reconsider its ruling on the Container Corporation case. The task force, which will have representatives of federal and state government and business, will look into nine issues connected with unitary taxation, but signs are hat it will be well into next year before recommendations are issued

REPEAL OF THE 30 PERCENT WITHHOLDING ON FOREIGN INVESTMENT in the United States through Eurobonds is the objective of legislation introduced in the US Congress by the chairman of a House of Representatives subcommittee that has been looking into tax havens. The new bill shares some features with earlier proposals designed to strengthen the US hand in treaty negotiations with the Netherlands Antilles, but would do so with a large net tax gain for the United States, the bill's author claims

THE US SUPREME COURT LETS STAND A LOWER COURT RULING that the US Department of the Treasury is not required by the Freedom of Information Act to release data about the portfolio investments in the United States by certain Arab countries

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