

EDITORIAL

We were gratified by the response from readers to our January issue. The Editors look forward to contributions from members so that the News can be an important exchange of views and expertise in the field of international law. In this issue, we include short comments and materials on a wide range of current issues. We gratefully acknowledge the permission of Mr. Andrew Clark, the Editor of Australian Business, to publish material on the Timor boundary; the Australian Attorney General and Department of Foreign Affairs, especially Mr. Jonathon Brown, in relation to parliamentary and government papers; the U.S. Department of State as regards U.S. materials, and the various embassies and diplomatic missions who have authorised the publication of material. as well as the editors listed at [1984] Australian I.L. News 3 as regards the contents pages of their respective journals.

The year began with the the Australian Branch of the ILA with the Australian Finals of the Jessup Moot. We are publishing in this issue a report on the finals by the Moot co-ordinator Professor Ivan Shearer; at this stage however the Editors would like to offer their congratulations to the winners of the Australian Final of the Jessup Moot, the team from the University of Adelaide, as well as to the other contestants and the organizers. The Moot continues to be a major factor in the development of the study of international law in Australia.

The year continued with a number of activities, especially the Annual General Meeting on 12 April at which the Attorney General spoke on the Bill of Human Rights. We publish that speech in this issue, as well as an alternative proposal by Mr. Justice Staples. The next major function is a farewell to Australian participants at the Paris conference on 21 June, at which the speaker will be His Excellency, M. J.B. Merrimee, the French Ambassador, and finally, the Paris conference itself. Details of these events are noted under the item, in this issue, Conferences and Events. We hope to continue our programme of publications throughout the year, both through the Australian International Law News, as well as through the Martin Place Papers. It is relevant to note that as we go to press, the latest volume of the Australian Yearbook of International Law has just been published. This is an indispensable reference, and will be available at a discounted price to members.

We look forward to your comments and your contributions.

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