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HEADNOTES

With this issue the Vanderbilt International enters its second year of publication and attempts to continue a metamorphosis from International Law Society newsletter to scholarly legal journal. While the birth of the International has been accompanied by the welcome emergence of numerous other international legal periodicals, it is hoped that this publication will make a singular contribution by providing a medium for interdisciplinary analyses of international problems. Eventually, each issue will be a symposium in which a particular problem will be discussed by economists, political scientists, lawyers, and, of course, law students.

Meanwhile, the following pages offer commentary on a variety of subjects. Vanderbilt's Eastern Studies Director, Professor Harold L. Boorman, provides the interdisciplinary element with his review of three books on Communist China. Professor Boorman suggests that these works may add a degree of rationality to the American occupation of China-watching, an area in need of realistic reappraisal. Mr. A. Hamilton Cooke's article reviews the development of international human rights law and comments on the constitutionality of United States participation in the application of international standards of human rights. Two student notes discuss the exploitation of resources on the continental shelf and the respective law-making roles of civil law and common law judges. Student comments on three recent cases round out the issue.

THE VANDERBILT INTERNATIONAL LAW SOCIETY

Counting over a third of the law school in its membership, the Society enjoyed a productive fall. Two excellent films, The Roots of Madness and The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich, were presented, and the Society heard talks by Professor Donald Stacy and by Mr. William Rockefeller of the New York firm, Shearman & Sterling. The semester's major event was a symposium on the invasion of Czechoslovakia.

REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

The Regional Conference of the American Society of International Law will be held at the Law School April 4 and 5. Professor Harold G. Maier is chairman of the Conference, the topic of which will be Legal Problems in International Capital Formation. Among the principal speakers will be: Mr. Mark S. Massel, formerly of the Brookings Institute, who will open the Conference; Mr. Mitchell Brock, of the New York firm, Sullivan & Cromwell, speaking

on the regulation of securities sales in Europe; Mr. Lester Nurick, Associate General Counsel of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, speaking on the role of his agency in regulating international capital formation; and Mr. Manuel Cohen, Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, speaking on United States regulation of foreign securities.

JESSUP INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT TEAM

In December the International Law Society selected oralists Parker Smith and Reid Bingham and brief specialists David Land, Jim Hair, and Jim Irvin to represent Vanderbilt in this year's Phillip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition. The 1969 problem concerns pirate broadcasting from an artificial island. Last year Vanderbilt's team finished second in the Southern Region, failing to retain the national championship it had won the previous year.