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HEADNOTES

From the Editor

It is a pleasure for us to present the first issue of the Vanderbilt International to the Vanderbilt community. The present style and content of V.I. is hybrid -- lying somewhere between a scholarly journal and a popular news magazine, attempting to please the casual reader as well as the student of international affairs. While this first issue has a very definite legal bent, we plan to be as ecumenical as we can in the future, printing material by economists, historians and political scientists as well as by leaders from outside the academic community.

In its present form, V.I. is a fairly humble publication. If we have succeeded in being informative and interesting on a small scale, we will have fulfilled our present goals. The editors envision this initial publication as a beginning toward what might someday, given the resources on the Vanderbilt campus, develop into a useful interdisciplinary publication bringing together in one format those aspects of the international field which are relevant to the solution of the problems of world order and world trade. This first issue is a long way from where we want to be, but it is a start.

Editorial thanks go to Professors Cheatham, Kamenshine, and Maier of the Law School; to the first two for their contributions to this issue of V.I. and to the third for his guidance and advice.

Jessup - Again

It is fitting that the issue of V.I. includes both an article on Peace-Keeping in the Mid-East and a note on Vanderbilt's competition in the Jessup tournament last year. For, as we go to press, the new Jessup team - Greyfred Grey, Alan Klein, William Cole, James Irvin and Rosary Palermo - are starting work on this year's problem, involving Nasser, the Gulf of Aqaba and an American ship passing through the Straits of Tiran. Although the Israelis demonstrated last summer the most efficient way of dealing with the Egyptian President, the United States, in the hypothetical case, goes to the World Court.

The Vietnam Poll:

Our survey of Vanderbilt Law School opinion on Vietnam comes several months after the passage of a referendum chastizing Nashville courts, the police, and the press by the Vanderbilt Bar

Association. In both cases about two-thirds of the student body voted. One wonders if this other third plus those students who complain about such surveys would be more interested in positive steps. Also, it is interesting to speculate whether the members of the "silent" one-third were the same in both cases.

Speaking of Organizations:

Mr. Cheatham's article about international legal organizations in this issue excludes one group - the Vanderbilt International Law Society. The Society is actively soliciting members from the law school - one dollar for the semester - and graduate students from outside the law school as associate members - fifty cents. The associate members join in all Society functions except voting (including writing for this publication) and need only send a card to the editor, c/o the Law School.

Common Market Englishman:

On December 1, Mr. Richard Mayne, a well-known English journalist and author now working for the EEC, visited the Society. While castigating his countrymen for their short-sightedness four years ago when they half-heartedly tried to get into the Common Market, Mr. Mayne sees the English as ready and willing today with only the government of France standing in the way. Over lunch, cocktails in the evening and at a packed lecture, the articulate and droll Mr. Mayne cautioned not to expect a change until après DeGaulle. But, barring his immortality, change will come.

On Trial - New Edition:

The newly published transcript of the trial of Soviet writers Sinyavsky and Daniel is reviewed in this issue of V.I. This past week witnessed the start of a new Moscow trial of four friends of the imprisoned writers. These Russian writers published a "White Book" in Frankfurt critical of the 1966 Sinyavsky-Daniel trial and now are charged with "agitation or propoganda carried out with the purpose of subverting or weakening the Soviet regime". The three men and 21-year old girl can receive up to seven years imprisonment. The Moscow press has not mentioned the arrests.

One Last Note:

When starting a new publication that promises at least a bit of controversy, it is sometimes good to count one's blessings. This we did recently when reading that Argentinian police had confiscated the type and presses of the Buenos Aires magazine, Prensa Confidencial. Not unusual, perhaps, in light of similar themes in modern Greek tragedy. But this was a little bit different. A week earlier the Federal Court of Appeal had affirmed Prensa's right to publish. The police obviously disagreed.