

Colin Fong is the librarian at Allen, Allen & Hemsley, a large and prestigious law firm in Sydney, which generously hosted a sumptuous luncheon for some of the participants of the IALL Australian Conference in May, 1981.

Travellers to Australia should make a point of visiting the library of Allen, Allen and Hemsley. It is located in a beautifully furnished semi-circular space high up in one of the tallest buildings in the center of Sydney. The panoramic view of the Sydney Harbor and the Pacific Ocean from the library windows is spectacular.

#### *IALL Conference in Australia*

The 8th IALL Course on Law Librarianship, held in Sydney and Canberra in May, 1981, has been unanimously acclaimed by all of its participants as a great success. More detailed reports about the conference will appear in future issues of the journal. Conference papers will be published in a separate book, issued as a special IALL publication.

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### HARVARD LEGAL BIBLIOGRAPHIES

The prestigious *Current Legal Bibliography* and *Annual Legal Bibliography* of Harvard Law School Library ceased publication with Volume 21 of the *Annual Legal Bibliography*. This volume, cumulating the nine monthly issues of the *Current Legal Bibliography*, is now in the process of being distributed to subscribers.

The demise of this major bibliographic publication, considered by many a basic resource of legal research, does not necessarily mean that the legal community will be deprived of information about new law books and articles. Adequate information about periodical literature is already available from several index services which are successfully broadening their respective areas of coverage. With the aid of computers they are also becoming more efficient and expeditious in making information available to their users. Similar encouraging observations may be made about new books. Computerized cataloging networks offer speedy retrieval services for a broad range of books acquired by the participating libraries. Many of the major law libraries throughout the world, with a broad assortment of acquisitions extending beyond the confines of their respective national laws, regularly publish excellent lists of their newly acquired books. Newsletters of many national law library associations also contain valuable bibliographic information. Last but not least, there are numerous commercially-produced catalogs and lists of new publications.

There is no doubt that the Harvard legal bibliographies will be sorely missed, but the consequences need not be tragic. Most of the information which they contained is already available elsewhere, and such are the mysterious ways of economics that eventually the gap—whatever it may be

—caused by the disappearance of the Harvard legal bibliographies will be filled by another publication—equally prestigious and perhaps more efficient.

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### JOURNAL OF LEGAL PLURALISM

In order to broaden the scope of its subject-matter, the *African Law Studies* is being renamed the *Journal of Legal Pluralism*. The new journal is bilingual: English and French. For further information write to:

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### NEW INTERNATIONAL LAW REVIEW

*IPRax (Praxis des internationalen Privat-und Verfahrensrechts)* is a new German-language law review specializing entirely in the subject-area of conflict of laws (or private international law). Published six times a year since January, 1981, it contains short articles, reports, notes and comments about German and European Communities current conflict of laws developments. In view of their strong impact on traditional conflict rules, careful attention is also paid to the practical expansion of such international agreements as, for example, the EEC convention on the recognition of jurisdictions and judgments in commercial matters, the UNCITRAL convention on international sales, and the Hague family law conventions. Case notes discuss not only German court decisions but also relevant opinions of the European Communities Court of Justice, which is becoming increasingly involved in conflict of laws situations.

The new law review is edited by Professors Karl Firsching, Dieter Henrich, Bernd von Hoffman and Erik Jayme, who are all well-known conflict of laws specialists in Germany. It is published by the Gieseking Verlag in Bielefeld, Federal Republic of Germany. The current annual subscription is DM 114.

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