

FOREWORD

The American Society of International Law holds what it calls "regional meetings" in various parts of the United States as one element of its diversified program of continuing education in the field of international law. Very occasionally, it ventures to hold what is less appropriately termed a "regional meeting" abroad, as is fitting for a Society which has about fifteen hundred foreign members resident in some ninety countries.

The Society was privileged to join The Royal Institute of International Affairs in sponsoring such a meeting in June 1971. It took place in the Institute's distinguished headquarters at Chatham House; it was generously supported and graciously received by Chatham House; and was successful in all respects.

The meeting owed much of its success to its originator and organizer, Dr. Rosalyn Higgins. Dr. Higgins is an active and valued member of the Society, as well as a leading associate of the Institute. She arranged the joint meeting with her customary energy and skill. The Society is most grateful to her for having done so. It is equally grateful to The Royal Institute of International Affairs for its support of the meeting in multiple ways.

The papers presented at the meeting aroused considerable interest, and more than one request was made for their publication. An apt forum for publication appeared to be one of the fifteen journals of international law that are now edited and published by students at law schools in the United States—a magnitude and quality of publication, incidentally, which suggests that there is much that is right both with American legal education and the degree of international interest among some students who partake of that education.

The Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law was good enough to agree to publish the London proceedings. On behalf both of The Royal Institute of International Affairs and the Society, I wish to thank most warmly the *Journal*, and particularly its editor-in-chief, Mr. Donald L. Wetherington, and its distinguished adviser, The Honorable Dean Rusk.

The papers which follow reflect the fact that they were written as remarks, not as learned articles. They may be the more interesting reading for that. It regrettably was not practical to edit and publish the questions and statements from the floor and exchanges among panel participants.

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