

Pamphlets, newspaper advertisements, television shows and even "hot line" programmes are discussed. The need in Australia to reduce the proliferation of law reports and update the distribution of statutes was referred to in the Annual Report of the A.L.R.C., p.47. The need for a national set of law reports, akin to the D.L.R., to distribute throughout Australia the most important decisions of all of the Courts, requires scrutiny. Anyone interested in this problem should look at this excellent publication of the Law Reform Commission of Canada.

Fiji

The Attorney-General of Fiji has written to the Chairman A.L.R.C. welcoming participation by Fiji in the digest. He states that he is anxious to establish law reform machinery in Fiji and is thinking of a Law Institute with perhaps a facility for training legal draftsmen and providing a regional library. The last meeting of A.L.R.A.C. expressed interest in securing contact with Pacific and South Asian reform bodies.

The Philippines

The Secretary of Justice of the Republic of the Philippines has written to the A.L.R.C. Chairman concerning the work of the Law Center of the University of the Philippines on the review of the law. The Center has prepared reports on a nationality and immigration code, a judicial code, a consumer code of the Philippines and a Muslim code. The Center is at present at work on codes dealing with multi-national corporations and commercial law. It is also preparing annotations for the new Labor code of the Philippines and is updating the treaty series. A.L.R.C. can make these reports available on request. They will be included in the digest.

Singapore

The Attorney-General of Singapore, the Hon. Tan Boon Tiek is getting one of his officers to explore the possibility of sharing legislation and legislative ideas of relevance to Australasia, for inclusion in the digest. The University of Singapore is also to become involved.

Hong Kong

The five reports of the Hong Kong Law Reform Committee were recently sent to the A.L.R.C. No report has been produced by the Committee since 1964. A law reform drafting section has been established in the Attorney-General's Department. This is now responsible for preparing the law reform programme for Hong Kong. It does not issue publications.

NEW REPORTS

The following are reports relating to law reform received between October 1975 and December 1975 by the A.L.R.C.

Australia:-

A.L.R.C.1	: Complaints against Police
A.L.R.C.2	: Criminal Investigation
A.L.R.C.3	: Annual Report 1975
S.A.C.L.R.C.	: Report No. 3 : Court Procedure & Evidence (August 1975)
Tas. L.R.C.	: Report and recommendations on the Road Safety (Alcohol and Drugs) Act 1970, together with a draft Bill and notes thereon. (Part Paper No. 43 of 1975).
Tas. L.R.C.	: Report and recommendation on the Criminal Process (Bodily Descriptions) Bill 1974. (Part Paper No. 45 of 1975).
W.A.L.R.C.	: Annual Report 1 July 1974 to 30 June 1975.

United Kingdom:-

- Law Com. : Transfer of Land : report on rent charges. (Law Com. No. 68)
- Law Com. : Exemption Clauses : Second Report (Law Com. No. 69)
- Scot. L.C. : ibid (Scot. Law Com. No. 39)
- Law Com. : Law of Contract (Working Paper No. 65)
- Sandilands Committee : Inflation and Company Accounts (1975) Cmnd. 6225.
- Home Office : Report on Racial Discrimination (1975) Cmnd. 6234.
- Trade Dept. : Patent Law Reform (1975) Cmnd. 6000.

Canada:-

- Canada L.R.C. : A Catalogue of discretionary powers in the Revised Statutes of Canada 1970.
- Canada L.R.C. : The criminal process and mental disorder : Working Paper 14.
- Canada L.R.C. : Tax and the Family 1975. (Background paper prepared for the Commission by Jack R. London).
- Canada L.R.C. : Family Law and native people 1975 (Background paper prepared by Douglas Sanders).
- Canada L.R.C. : Access to the Law, M.L. Friedland and Ors., Methuen & Co. 1975.
- Alberta L.R.R. : Rent control : Security of Tenure (Residential tenancies project : Background Paper No. 1).
- B.C.L.R.C. : Report on civil procedure : Part 1 - Costs of successful unassisted lay litigants (L.R.C. 20, Report No. 13).
- B.C.L.R.C. : Report on the law of agency : Part 1 - the termination of agencies (L.R.C. 21)
- B.C.L.R.C. : Report on the law of agency : Part 2 - Powers of attorney and mental incapacity (L.R.C. 22).
- B.C.L.R.C. : Minors' Contracts (Working Paper No. 16)
- B.C.L.R.C. : Extra-judicial use of sworn statements (Working Paper No. 17).
- Manitoba L.R.C. : Report on the Highway Traffic Act (Report No. 20).
- Manitoba L.R.C. : Fourth Annual Report 1975).
- Saskatchewan L.R.C. : Family Maintenance between husband and wife : Background paper.

Papua New Guinea:-

- P.N.G.L.R.C. : Report on summary offences (Report No. 1).

Ghana:-

- Ghana L.R.C. : Commentary on the Evidence Decree (N.R.C.D. 23).

United States of America:-

- Calif. L.R.C. : Recommendation relating to wage garnishment procedure (Vol. 13 pp.601-702).
- Calif. L.R.C. : Recommendation relating to partition of real and personal property (Vol. 13 pp. 401-502).
- Tennessee L.R.C. : Special report to the 89th General Assembly on criminal law revision.
- Tennessee L.R.C. : Working paper on probate and intestate succession : "A proposed Tennessee Probate Code" showing the Uniform Probate Code in the context of present Tennessee law.

LIBRARY NEWS

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The New A.L.R.C. Library

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