

include a scrutiny of the private profession and the public sector in legal services, details of discipline, complaints, education and restrictive practices, an examination of the unfilled needs for legal services and an exploration of alternatives to lawyers, either to supplement or replace them in some tasks. Also just published by CCH Australia Limited is an Eagle Book and accompanying Teacher Manual on *Jobs and the Law*. Told in simple and vigorous language, the book gives a practical explanation for high school students and other laymen of the Australian law of employment. The inspiration of the book came from Mr. Tjerk Dusseldorp of the N.S.W. Law Foundation, whose efforts to secure interest in community legal education are now finding reflection in school curricula. Legal Studies is now the most popular optional subject in the Victorian high school curriculum. Only English (a compulsory subject) outranks it.

■ Among the most important recommendations in the Report of the Anti-Discrimination Board of N.S.W. were recommendations that "all legislation which affects the parties to a marriage, either by granting of rights, the imposition of obligations or otherwise, should be amended to include the parties to a de facto relationship". This recommendation caused a storm of criticism, notably from church leaders. Reservations were then stated by the N.S.W. Premier, Mr. Wran. Other recommendations also drew fire, doubtless because the report was published on the eve of the N.S.W. State elections. The Board expressed, for example, the belief that consensual sexual conduct by homosexual and heterosexual men and women above the age of consent should not be regulated by the criminal law. Repeal of relevant sections of the N.S.W. *Crimes Act* and the provision of new measures to cover non-consensual sexual conduct were recommended. Other forms of discrimination identified included the rights of non-citizens in employment and voting, discrimination against women and discrimination in the delivery of government services. N.S.W. is not the only State seeking to outlaw discrimination on the grounds of sex, marital status, ethnic origin and physical handicaps. According to the *Examiner* (10 October) the Tasmanian Government plans to introduce such legislation.

Other States already have legislation. The National Committee on Discrimination in Employment and Occupation has called to the attention of the Federal government hundreds of cases of alleged discrimination, more than one third involving alleged sex discrimination.

■ The A.L.R.C. has announced that it has revised procedures for the publication of the *Interim Law Reform Digest*. This publication is prepared at the request of Australasian Law Reform Agencies and for the Standing Committee of Australian Attorneys-General. The Commission hopes during 1979 to publish an *Australian Law Reform Digest* which will collect and digest all law reform reports published in Australia between 1916 and 1978. To supplement this Digest, the Commission is proceeding to publish a *Law Reform Index*. This will consolidate previous issues of the Law Reform Digest but will in future be limited to law reform material only. In the past, a great deal of additional information has been included. Staff ceilings and budgetary restraints will require rationalisation of these clearing-house functions. Meanwhile, the Commonwealth Secretariat in London has begun the task of collecting information on the implementation of law reform reports delivered by L.R.C.s within the Commonwealth of Nations. The Secretariat hopes to publish full details so that those interested can trace the legislative history of law reform measures: a facility that will be especially useful in countries where legal draftsmen are in short supply.

New Reports

Australia

A.L.R.C.: 10: *Annual Report 1978*.

: D.P.7: *Insurance Contracts, 1978*.

N.S.W.L.R.C.: W.P. *On the Course of the Trial, 1978*.

Q.L.R.C.: 21: *Crown Proceedings*. Tabled 12 September 1978.

25: *A Report on the Law Relating to Bail in Criminal Proceedings*. Tabled 20 September 1978.

T.L.R.C.: 23: *Report on the Disposal of Uncollected and Found Goods*.

V.S.L.R.C.: *Adoption of Children Act 1964 and Access to Information*. Tabled Oct. 1978.

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: *Animals on Highways*. Tabled Nov. 1978.

: *Constitution (Local Government) Bill*. Tabled Nov. 1978.

V.L.R.C.: W.P.5: *Duress, Coercion and Necessity* 1978.

W.A.L.R.C.: *Annual Report July 1977–June 1978*.
: Project No. 71: *W.P. On Exemption from Jury Service*.

: Project No. 26: *W.P. and Survey on Review of Administrative Decisions Part 1—Appeals*.

A.U.L.S.A.: Report No. 2: *Legal Education in Australian Universities*.

Australian Family Law Council: W.P.3: *Migrants and the Family Court*.

N.S.W. Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research: 3: *Homosexual Offences* 1978.

4: *Company Investigations* 1975–1977.

N.S.W. Anti-Discrimination Board: *Report* 1978.

United Kingdom

Law Commission: 87: *Statute Law Revision: 9th Report Draft Statute Law (Repeals) Bill* 1978.
88: *Law of Contract: Report on Interest* 1978.

Scottish L.C.: Memo 42: *Defective Consent and Consequential Matters*. 1 June 1978 (Vol. 1).

Home Office: Advisory Council on the Penal System: *Sentences of Imprisonment: A review of Maximum penalties*.

: *Reform of Section 2 of the Official Secrets Act* 1911. July 1978.

: *Judicial Studies and Information: Report of the Working Party*.

Papua New Guinea

P.N.G.L.R.C.: 7: *The Role of Customary Law in the Legal System*. 1977.

: 8: *Indictable Offences Triable Summarily* 1978.

Canada

B.C.L.R.C.: 38: *Report on the Replevin Act*.

Law Foundation of British Columbia: *Confidentiality of Juvenile Records*, August 1978.

Other

Bahamas L.R. and Revision Cte.: W.P.2 of 1977: *Registration of Land*.

Ghana L.R.C.: *Sixth Annual Report January–December* 1977.

U.S. National Conf. of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws: *Uniform Marriage and Divorce Act*.

What's going on in the L.R.C.s?

Australian Law Reform Commission (A.L.R.C.)

• *Defamation*: Draft Report with printer. Tabling expected, March 1979.

• *Debt Recovery*: Discussion Paper #6 still circula-

ting. Public sittings and seminars held in November. See p. 20.

• *Insurance Contracts*: Work in hand (W.I.H.). Discussion Paper #7 circulating. Public sittings and seminars held during November 1978. See p. 2.

• *Access to Courts: Standing and Class Actions*: Research visit to U.S. completed. Issues Paper due soon. See p. 20.

• *Privacy*: W.I.H. Six Research Papers circulating. See [1978] *Reform* 56, 81 and additional new research papers on

#5 Health Insurance Records.

#6 Final Storage of Personal Information: Archival Practices.

On progress generally see p. 14.

• *Aboriginal Customary Laws*: W.I.H. Field visit programme continuing under Commissioner Debelle.

• *Lands Acquisition*: Draft legislation under scrutiny by A.L.R.C. Proposals on injurious affection receiving special attention.

• *Sentencing*: Wide consultation continuing. Consultative document (first draft) due February 1979.

• *Law Reform Digest*: W.I.H. See p. 22.

N.S.W. Law Reform Commission (N.S.W.L.R.C.)

• *Legal Profession Inquiry*: Drafting Papers on Overall Control of Profession and Complaints and Discipline, is now substantially completed; while a paper on Professional Indemnity Insurance is proceeding.

• *Unincorporated Associations*: W.I.H. Discussion and redrafting proceeding.

• *Money Judgments*: W.I.H. Co-operation with the A.L.R.C. on Debt Recovery project.

N.T. Law Review Committee (N.T.L.R.C.)

Further matters under consideration since [1978] *Reform* 56, 81.

• *Complaints against Police*.

• *Lands Acquisition*: Injurious Affection.

• *Vicarious Liability*: Rights as between Employer and Employee.

• *Criminal Procedure*: The Crown's Rights to Stand by Jurors.

• *Criminal Procedure*: The Order of Closing Speeches.

N.Z. Property Law and Equity Reform Committee (N.Z.P.L.E.R.Cte.)

Further matters under consideration since [1978] *Reform* 81.

• *Law relating to Water Courses and Adjacent land*: W.I.H.

• *Rights of Way*: Rights and obligations of dominant and servient owners: W.I.H.

N.Z. Public and Administrative Law Reform Committee (N.Z.P.A.L.R.Cte.)

Further matters under consideration since [1978] *Reform* 81.

• *Commissions of Inquiry Act 1908*: W.P. circulated.