

Committee of 'shuffling the deck chairs' (20 May 1985). Its assessment was that the Committee would keep both the bath water and the baby.

■ **state of emergency in png.** Commencing on 17 June 1985 a state of emergency was declared in Port Moresby. A curfew was proclaimed, to be enforced by troops and police. Powers have been given to police to enter premises and make arrests without warrant. These measures come in the aftermath of growing concern about rape, house breakings, murder and growing violence by Raskol (pronounced 'Rascal') gangs. The state of emergency was initially declared for 21 days, but the Papua New Guinea Parliament has moved to extend it by two months. There is talk amongst Opposition politicians of a constitutional challenge. There have been calls, including by the Prime Minister, Mr Somare, for public floggings for Raskol gangs and for the death penalty for pack rape. Castration for rapists has also been called for by Mr Somare but rejected by his Party's Caucus (*Sydney Morning Herald*, 17 June 1985). Two weeks before the state of emergency was declared in Port Moresby, an Opposition Member of Parliament alleged that his village had suffered depredations for which raiding Vikings would have been proud. This had occurred when police came looking for two villagers who had escaped from prison 18 months before. The PNG Government responded that the allegations would be thoroughly investigated, and that any police who engaged in rape or other crimes would not only be dismissed from the police force but also would be subjected to criminal charges (ABC Radio Program PM, 7 June 1985).

## new reports

### Australia

- ALRC : Annual Report 1984, 1985. No 25
- : Summary of Discussion Paper on Matrimonial Property Law, 1985. DP 22.

### NSWLRC

- : Artificial Conception: Human Artificial Insemination, 1985. DP 11.

- : Community Law Reform Program Sixth report. Conscientious Objection to Jury Service, 1984. No 42.

- : Fourth Report on the Legal Profession — Solicitors' Trust Accounts 1984. No 44.

### QLRC

- : Report on a Bill to Establish Limited Liability Partnerships, 1985. No 34.

- : WP on a Bill to Alter the Civil Jurisdiction of the District Court of Queensland, 1985. WP 29.

### VLRC

- : Background Paper on the Role of Juries 1985.

### Canada

#### CLRC

- : WP on Criminal Law: Extra-territorial Jurisdiction, 1984. WP 37.

#### BCLRC

- : Annual Report 1983/84, 1984. No 73. (Included as Appendices Minor (Interim) Report on Land (Wife Protection) Act, No 71 and Minor Report on the Jurisdiction of Local Judges. Stays of Execution and Instalment Orders, No 72.)

- : Report on Compensation for Non-Pecuniary Loss, 1984. No 76.

- : Report on Settlement Offers, 1984. No 77.

- : WP on Mortgages of Land: The Priority of Further Advances, 1985. WP 47.

- : WP on Personal Liability Under a Mortgage or Agreement for Sale, 1985. WP 48.

### Manitoba

#### LRC

- : Report on an Examination of the Dower Act, 1984. No 60. (Plus a Separate Summary to the Report).

- : Report on Intestate Succession, 1985. No 61.

**Hong Kong**

- HKLRC : Report on Damages for Personal Injury and Death, 1984. Topic 10.

**Ireland**

- ILRC : Report on Recognition of Foreign Divorces and Legal Separations, 1985. No 10.

**New Zealand**

- NZPLRC : 'Trustees' Statutory Powers of Investment — Miscellaneous Powers. Second Report, 1985.  
: Capital Dividends, 1985.

**Nigeria**

- NLRC : Annual report December 1984.

**Papua New Guinea**

- PNGLRC : Annual Report 1983.

**South Africa**

- SALRC : WP on Investigation into the Possibility of Making Provision for a Divorced Woman to Share in the Pension Benefits of Her Former Husband, 1984. WP 4.  
: WP on Offences Committed under the Influence of Liquor or Drugs, of Proj 49, 1984. WP 5.  
: WP on Investigation into the Advancement of the Age of Majority of Proj 43, 1984. WP 6.  
: WP on Investigation into the Legal Position of Illegitimate Children of Proj 38, 1984. WP 7

**United Kingdom**

- Law Com : Nineteenth Annual Report 1983-1984. No 140.  
: Reports on Family Law, Custody of Children — Jurisdiction and Enforcement within the United Kingdom, 1984. No 138.

**new references**

- WALRC : Subcontractors and Workers in the Building Industry (proj No 82).

**what's going on in the LRCs****Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC)**

- *Insolvency*. Submissions in response to the Issues Paper now number in excess of 100. Analysis and consideration of the submissions continues. Work on background papers soon to commence. Consultations in New Zealand in late June. Meetings of Australian consultants planned for late July and early August.
- *Service and execution of process*. WIH. DP under consideration.
- *Contempt of court*. WIH. RP and DP on 'Contempt and Family Law', expected mid 1985. Report is due 1986.
- *Standing*. Draft report now revised. Report going to press mid 1985.
- *Class actions*. Project to be revived when resources permit.
- *Aboriginal customary law*. WIH. Report due 1985.
- *Evidence*. Interim Report at printers. Tabling expected in spring parliamentary session.
- *Debt recovery*. WIH. Draft report completed. Report due late 1985.
- *Privacy/sentencing: expungement of criminal records*. WIH. DP in preparation. Report due late 1985.
- *Admiralty jurisdiction law*. WIH. Work progressing on draft report.
- *Sentencing*. WIH. Papers on, 'Non-Custodial Sentencing Options' and 'Sentencing Discretion' proceeding.
- *Community law reform in the Australian Capital Territory*. WIH.
  - Fatal accidents — Report in preparation.
  - Loss of Consortium — Report in preparation.
  - Contributory Negligence — Report in preparation.
  - Occupiers Liability — WIH.
- *Domestic violence in the ACT*. Report in preparation.
- *Matrimonial property law*. WIH. Summary of DP available.

**New South Wales Law Reform Commission (NSWLRC)**

- *Criminal procedure*. WPs on the 'Role of the Jury in Criminal Trials' and 'Pre-Trial Procedures in Criminal Cases' in preparation.
- *Artificial conception*. Public hearings held in April 1985. Report on Artificial Inception by Donor in preparation. Work in progression, on In Vitro Fertilisation.