

ASIAN INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

The Asian Institute of International Studies held its second session during the four-week period from June 5 to June 30, 1967 at the College of Law of the University of the Philippines, Quezon City. Like the first one which was held last year at the same place, the second session of the Institute was a great success.

The lecturers this year were Professor Richard R. Baxter of the Harvard University School of Law; Professor Serge Lazareff, Legal Adviser, NATO Headquarters, Central Europe, and a lecturer at the Institut des Hautes Etudes Internationales, University of Paris Law School; and Professor J. J. G. Syatauw, an Indonesian scholar who is presently the Faculty Chairman of the International Relations Course at the Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, Netherlands.

Professor Baxter handled the main course which consisted of a series of lectures on "Contemporary Problems in International Law." Among other things, he examined (1) the sources of international law as found in state practices and, to a tremendous extent today, in treaties and in the resolutions of the General Assembly of the United Nations; (2) questions of jurisdiction, with particular reference to jurisdiction at sea and to the extraterritorial reach of economic regulatory legislation; (3) the relationship between internal strife and international conflict, with special focus on Viet Nam; and (4) contemporary problems respecting the application of the law of war (e.g., treatment of prisoners of war and use of modern weapons) in the context of the Viet Nam war.

Professor Lazareff discussed "Status of Forces Agreements". He analyzed about a hundred multilateral and bilateral agreements to define the general trends in each specific problem arising from the existence of such agreements. He paid particular attention to the NATO Status of Forces Agreement, to the SEATO, and to the U.S.-Philippines Bases Agreement, with emphasis on the thorny issue of jurisdiction which naturally inspired an intensely open and frank discussion.

Professor Syatauw dealt on "The New States and International Law". He expressed the view that the emergence after World War II of a great number of states, belonging mainly to Asia and Africa, calls for a renewed appraisal of the attitudes of these new states with regard to international law in the light of more recent developments and situations. He was most concerned with the view expressed by some international experts on this matter to the effect that new states lacking the Western cultural background in which

international law was "created" would reject or at least resent certain parts of traditional international law and might thus cause a crisis in the field of international law.

The lectures were attended by two staff members of the Directorate of Legal Services of the Air Department of Australia; a law lecturer at the University of Hong Kong; a public prosecutor from Singapore; a professor at the National Institute of Administration, Saigon, Vietnam; a lady graduate student from Japan; and two Koreans, one a lieutenant colonel in the Republic of Korea Air Force and the other the Secretary of the Korean Association of International Law. The participants from the Philippines included the lady Assistant Solicitor-General, one Solicitor from the Department of Justice, four officers from the Department of Foreign Affairs, an Assistant City Fiscal, a number of military lawyers, a dean of Graduate School of a private university and several practising lawyers.

Ceremonies were held at the closing of the session wherein addresses were delivered by the Chairman of the Governing Body of the Institute, General Carlos P. Romulo, President of the University of the Philippines, and the Institute Director, Dean Vicente Abad Santos of the University of the Philippines College of Law.

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