

Preface

In the light of the general welcome given to, and the interest shown in the first volume of the AUSTRALIAN YEAR BOOK OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, that for 1965, the publishers and editor take pleasure in introducing the present volume for 1966.

As in the previous volume, the aim has been primarily to deal with current developments in public and private international law of more immediate significance in Australia, while providing practical information in regard to other areas of the two subjects where changes are in process.

The keynote of special Australian interest is reflected, in particular, in the articles appearing on the New Zealand-Australia Free Trade Agreement of 1965, on the decision of the High Court of Australia in 1966 in *Anderson v. Eric Anderson (Radio and TV) Pty. Ltd.*, and on the legality of participation in the Vietnam conflict, and—needless to say—as well in the “Digest of Australian Practice in International Law 1965-1966” (pp. 149-157).

Those articles, which serve to throw light on emerging points of law and practice, include the contributions dealing with the I.L.O. Commissions of Inquiry of 1961 and 1962, with the *Joanna V* and *Manuela* Incidents of April 1966, with the cases of 1966-1967 on radio stations in the Thames Estuary, with recent developments in treaty practice in the Commonwealth of Nations, and with the decision of the International Court of Justice in the *South West Africa Cases, Second Phase*, in 1966.

Special attention is drawn to the article on the Hague Conference on Private International Law, an institution which, because of its influence on the harmonization and unification of national rules of private international law, deserves to be better known to Australian lawyers.

It remains to point out that the present volume contains a new feature, viz., a summary, critical in places, of Australian case law and statutory developments 1965-1966 in the field of private international law, and of English decisions 1965-1966 in the same field, so far as seem relevant to the Australian scene (see pp. 159-168). This bears the title, “Recent Developments in Private International Law.”

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