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OBTAINING quality articles for the consideration of the editors is the most challenging task newly selected editors face. While we are convinced that the U.S. Post Office's renewed appeals for public sympathy only coincidentally occurred simultaneously with our annual solicitation campaign last March, our already depleted postage account indicates that our effort was the most ambitious undertaken by the *Review*. A portion of the fine results appear in this issue. Of course, some of the problems encountered in obtaining manuscripts are out of our control. Contributors and manuscripts are victims, with astounding frequency, of curious and unforeseeable events. Recently, one of our manuscripts suffered the strangest fate of all. While accompanying its author through Czechoslovakia during the Russian occupation, it was confiscated and, at last word, the authorities were still trying to translate the author's discussion of the Rule Against Perpetuities. Having experienced some difficulty in understanding the subtleties of the Rule in English, we wish the translators well.

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Professor Katz' article appearing in this issue is a valuable contribution to the literature of the criminal law. The emphasis of his analysis is on the clarification of propositions regarded as fundamental to criminal law and usually accepted as just and undebatable. The article is a sharp departure from customary proposals for criminal law revision. In a future issue, the *Review* expects to publish Part II of Professor Katz' article.

The *Review* is known for its interest in publishing articles concerning developments in international law, and this tradition is well-served with the appearance of Dr. Hassan's article. In his persuasive treatment of one major problem of interpretation in the International Covenants on Human Rights, Dr. Hassan presents both a rationale and methodology for pursuing other interpretative problems within the Covenants.

For those interested in the perplexing questions of law school reform, we offer the timely thoughts of Professor Sutherland, a man who has spent much of his life teaching law at Harvard and developing an historical perspective on the American system of legal education. His proposals are novel and deserve the close attention of the profession.

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The internal business and management operations of the *Review* have undergone significant change during the last six months. Aside from the physical reorganization of the offices toward improving communications, the functions and responsibilities of a number of editors have been redefined. The addition of a managing editor, who directs our business affairs and is responsible for the meeting of deadlines, has, with the timely appearance of this issue, already shown its value. In view of our extensive efforts, the enjoyment in sending this issue to the printer is particularly satisfying.

