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bers convened a public hearing to receive evidence against Dragan Nikolic, the first suspect indicted by the Prosecutor. The aim of the hearing was to secure an international arrest warrant against Nikolic, who has thus far eluded capture. On October 20th, the Chamber confirmed the indictment and issued an international arrest warrant. At the hearing, some of Nikolic's victims were given a precious chance to secure some measure of accountability by bearing witness in a court of law. In the words of Chief Prosecutor Richard Goldstone at the opening of the hearing, theirs were "the first voices of the victims to atrocities in the former Yugoslavia to testify before this Tribunal and by so doing those voices will echo throughout the world."

Once widely viewed as a cynical figleaf for the international community's acquiescence in "ethnic cleansing," the Tribunal has converted many of its early critics, and its accomplishments in October further enhanced its reputation. Still, the month ended on a

sobering note — one that pointed up the challenges that perennially threaten the IT's ability to complete the task with which it has been entrusted. Faced with inadequate funds for Tadic's defense team, the IT was forced to

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postpone the beginning of its first trial, which was originally set to begin in October.

In his closing argument at Nuremberg, Chief American Prosecutor Robert Jackson memorably invoked the redemptive power of law. "Goaded," he said, by the immensity of Nazi evil, "we were moved to redress the blight on the record of our era." Fifty years later, the international community has once again acted to redress its failure to check "ethnic cleansing" in the heart of Europe by establishing an international criminal tribunal. While the IT still faces formidable challenges, it has

already given cause to hope that, like the Nuremberg precedent, its work may emerge as "one of the most significant tributes that power has ever paid to reason" — and, at last, to the rule of law. 🕊

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## FACULTY/STAFF NEWS

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**Tom J. Farer**, Director, J.D./M.A. Joint Degree Program in Law and International Affairs, commented on the draft Ugandan Constitution. As a member of the Inter-American Dialogue Working Group, he also presented a paper evaluating strategies for defending and promoting democratic regimes. In his role as board member of Human Rights Watch/Americas, Farer briefed the former Prime Minister of Canada regarding methods of strengthening the Inter-American Human Rights System. He also participated in a conference, "The Role of the Military in Humanitarian Emergencies", sponsored by the Refugee Studies Programme of Oxford University and was the keynote speaker at a conference organized by the Center for Human Rights Law of the University of Nottingham on "The Inter-American System for the Defense of Human Rights."

**Lauren Gilbert**, Executive Director of Women and International Law Pro-

gram, led the Human Rights Caucus Task Force on Refugee, Migrant & Displaced Women at the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing. She also coordinated and moderated a panel on Women's Human Rights and the Platform for Action.

**Robert K. Goldman**, Professor of Law, Co-Director of the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and Interim Director of the International Legal Studies Program, will begin in January 1996 his four-year term on the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. On October 7 and 8, the Center hosted the Annual Meeting of the Executive Council of the World Organization against Torture/SOS Torture. Goldman is the North American Member of the Council of this Geneva-based NGO.

**Claudio Grossman**, Dean of the Washington College of Law, Co-Director of the Center for Human Rights and

### Index of Case Resolutions of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights

The American University Journal of International Law and Policy

The Index, found in the Fall 1994 issue of the Journal, is a comprehensive summary of all published case reports of the Commission. It is categorized by articles of the American Convention on Human Rights and the American Declaration on the Rights and Duties of Man violated, as determined by Commission, as well as by subject-matter.

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Humanitarian Law, and First Vice-President of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, represented the Commission in three cases before the Inter-American Court, and chaired a panel organized by the Inter-American Development Bank on "Economic Development and Justice in Uruguay." Grossman also has been invited by the National Democratic Institute and the Carter Center to participate in election monitoring in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

**Patrick Kehoe**, Professor of Law, Director of the Law Library, is actively pursuing the proposed National Equal Justice Library Project which would establish an archive of materials regarding activities undertaken to provide representation to indigent and poor people, including materials from legal services offices around the world. The ultimate goal of the project is to make these materials accessible worldwide through the Internet.

**Nell Jessup Newton**, Professor of Law, recently co-authored an amicus brief for an appeal before the Rosebud Sioux Supreme Court arguing the tribe has jurisdiction over non-Indians pro-

ducing a malt liquor named after Crazy Horse. She is also pursuing a challenge against the U.S. government's decision to deny Black Seminole Indians judgment funds resulting from a land claim. In addition, she is working with Professor Peter Jaszi on a project to help indigenous peoples develop strategies to contest the appropriation of their cultural artifacts and intellectual property, including religious traditions, patterns, dances, names, etc., including the production of a handbook for activists in this field.

**Diane Orentlicher**, Professor of Law, participated in the Experts Roundtable on Genocide in Cambodia, sponsored by the U.S. Institute of Peace. She also participated in a panel on The UN Role in Dealing with Internal Conflict and Humanitarian Intervention at a conference in Washington, DC sponsored by the United Nations Association and in a panel on human rights and international business at a conference sponsored by Business for Social Responsibility in San Francisco. She is also the Director of WCL's newly-established War Crimes Research Project, which assists the prosecution staff of the UN tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda in the Hague.

**Joel Paul**, Professor of Law, is preparing a workshop to be held at the University of Connecticut next April on the status of women in Central Europe and the former Soviet Union.

**Ira Robbins**, Professor of Law and Justice, consults regularly on death penalty cases pending in U.S. courts. He is an active member of the Corrections and Sentencing Committee of the ABA's Criminal Justice Section, and regularly provides training sessions for federal judges on habeas corpus and prison conditions claims.

**Herman Schwartz**, Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, is working with the Rule of Law Consortium on constitutional and legal reform in the Newly Independent States of the Former Soviet Union. In this capacity, he is organizing a conference on judicial independence and freedom of the press to be held in Kiev, the Ukraine, in Fall 1995.

**Anne Shalleck**, Professor of Law, Director of the Women and the Law Program, worked with Lauren Gilbert to develop and coordinate WCL's program for the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women. ☉



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