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Introduction

The five papers produced in this number of the *McGill Law Journal* were originally presented by the six speakers at the International Resources Law Conference held at the Faculty of Law, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario on November 22-23, 1968. The Conference, sponsored jointly by the Queen's Faculty of Law, the American Society of International Law and the Canadian Branch of the International Law Association, was convened to discuss current developments in the law relating to resources of particular interest to Canadian and American legal scholars. The term "international resources" was, for purposes of this Conference — and in the hope that it might acquire greater currency — defined broadly to include those resources of a human and fiscal nature as well as the more traditional ones relating to our physical environment. Consequently, speakers dealt with matters of human rights and foreign investment controls along with such topics as water and air pollution and the resources of the seabed.

The first two papers, presented by Professor Richard B. Lillich of the University of Virginia Law School and Professors John S. Hucker and Bruce C. McDonald of Queen's University, direct themselves respectively to the questions of humanitarian intervention to protect human rights and of developments in Canadian law designed to foster respect for fundamental rights of individuals and minority groups.

Professor James Weeks of Syracuse University examines the domestic and international impact of the legislative and executive

actions of the United States Government in the field of foreign investment controls.

Mr. Allan Gotlieb, then a senior officer of the Department of External Affairs, considers the developments in recent years of the law governing the uses of the seabed and suggests some of the new matters arising for consideration in this area in light of the technological advances in methods of exploitation which have developed.

In the final paper, Professor Frederick Jordan of Queen's University canvasses the legal and administrative regimes which are developing to assist states in coping with the growing problems of environmental pollution, particularly that with international implications.

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