

a legal requisite by which a certain legal effect was given, based on a party's declaration of his will to achieve such an effect. She cited an argument of A. Hägerström to show that this explanation of the legal act had its roots in seventeenth and eighteenth century natural law theories, then critically examined the concept of rights and duties involved in natural law theories.

Prof. Mizunami, relying on one of J. Dabin's major works "The Theory of Rights", criticized the theories of B. Windscheid on voluntarism, the interest theory of R.V. Jhering, and the eclectic view of G. Jellinek, all of which related to the nature of rights.

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8. International Law

1. The spring general meeting of *the Japanese Association of International Law* was held at Osaka University of Foreign Studies on May 12, 1984. The following reports were made:

"The Concept of the 'Victim' in International Procedure for the Protection of Human Rights" by Assoc. Prof. Fumio Sato of Seijo University.

"Some Problems Involving the Implementation of the American Convention on Human Rights," by Yasuzo Kitamura, Lecturer, Kumamoto University.

"Treatment of Reservations Made to the International Convention on Human Rights," by Assoc. Prof. Kimio Yakusiji of Kobe Mercantile Marine University.

"The Use of Force and International Law — the Present State and an Evaluation" by Prof. Yoshio Hirose of Meiji Gakuin University.

"Force and Morality in International Society," by Assoc. Prof.

Eiichi Shindo of Tsukuba University.

The autumn general meeting was held at Waseda University on October 13 and 14. On the first day the following reports and a special lecture were presented at the meeting under the unified theme of "The Present State and Problems of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea":

"Features of Negotiation in the UNCLOS III and Its Influences," by Mamoru Koga, Lecturer, Aichi Prefectural University of Arts.

"The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and Third States," by Prof. Osamu Nakamura of Okayama University.

"Unilateral Declarations to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea — in Regard to Interpretative Declarations on Reservations at the Time of the Signature" by Prof. Ko Nakamura of Keio Gijuku University.

"Problems of Domestic Implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea," by Mr. Masaki Saito of Foreign Ministry.

Special Lecture: "Looking Back upon the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea," by Ambassador Toru Nakagawa (based on his experience as head of the Japanese delegation to the Conference).

The second day reports presented under the unified theme of "Law and Politics in International Economic Conflicts" were as follows:

"Economic Conflicts among Developed Nations Concerning the Problem of the Trade with the Soviet Union," by Prof. Yoshio Ohara of Kobe University.

"The U.S.-Japan Economic Conflicts and Policy Making," by Prof. Hideo Sato of Tsukuba University.

"Legal Framework to Avoid International Economic Conflicts between the North and the South," by Assoc. Prof. Shinichi Ago of Saitama University.

"Conflicts Concerning the Economic Development Agree-

ments,” by Dr. Katsumi Ando of Institute for Developing Economies.

“North-South Conflicts on Petroleum Resources,” by Prof. Kiyotaka Ochiai of Rissho University.

2. The 70th meeting of *the Japanese Association of Private International Law* was held at Nagoya University on May 13 and 14, 1984.

This meeting was specially programmed for a symposium entitled “Towards Reform and Reformation of Our Private International Law,” presented by Prof. Junichi Akiba of Hitotsubashi University, Prof. Seiichi Tamura of Kansei Gakuin University, Prof. Hiroshi Matsuoka of Osaka University and the general reporter, Prof. Takao Sawaki of Rikkyo University. It raised fundamental issues, and proposed methodological as well as policy alternatives in international family law.

In addition, the following reports were made:

“Conference of Contractual and Non-Contractual Remedies in Private International Law,” by Akihiko Kunitomo, LL.M., Kyoto University.

“The 1958 New York Convention Relating to Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards,” by Prof. Kazuo Iwasaki of Ehime University.

The 71st meeting of the association was held at Hitotsubashi University on October 15, 1984. The following reports were made:

“Consumers Protection in Private International Law,” by Kenji Deguchi, LL.M., Kyoto University.

“Unjust Application of Applicable Foreign Law and Error in Law,” by Prof. Toshiko Hayashiwaki of Kyoto University.

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