

THE INTERNATIONAL RULE OF LAW. By Arthur Larson. [New York: Institute for International Order. 1961. 111 pp. U.S.\$1.]

Mr. Larson's *International Rule of Law* is a report to the Committee on Research for Peace established by the Institute for International Order, prepared by the Director of the World Rule of Law Center at Duke University.

Its purpose is to serve as a 'design' on subjects of research concerning war prevention and the quest for the rule of law among nations. The author considers that a world rule of law requires a great deal of 'homework' in order to induce the proper state of mind conducive to such a phenomenon. He therefore has indicated a number of fields of research within the broad classifications of the 'Law Structure of Peace', 'Body of World Law', 'Machinery of International Justice', 'Compliance with International Decisions', 'Acceptance of World Legal System', 'World Law and Communism', 'Role of Law in International Economic Development', and 'Mutual Understanding Necessary to World Law'.

Although the categorizations used indicate the broad scope of international law as generally understood, the Report indicates that "there are several features of 'world law' . . . distinguishing it from conventional international law. One is its universality. World law must be based on all legal systems, since it attempts to elicit the adherence of all countries. Moreover, it must be heavily concerned with municipal decisions, constitutional law, and legislation to the extent that they support or retard the creation of a genuine international legal system. Also, it is almost exclusively concerned with international legal developments in their relation to creation of orderly international relations based on law as a step to world peace. . . ."

It is clear, therefore, that the Report envisages the need for a great amount of comparative work, and its value lies in the topics it indicates as suitable for research within the limits of its purpose. Apart from indicating the subjects on which research should be done, it also suggests methods for doing that research and provides a useful though incomplete guide as to material already done on the various projects outlined.