

ISSUES IN THE BERLIN-GERMAN CRISIS. Ed. Lyman M. Tondel, Jr. [New York: Oceana. 1963 xvi + 80 pp. U.S. \$3.95.]

In 1962 the Association of the Bar of the City of New York resolved to organise a series of forums devoted to "case studies in the role of law in settling international disputes". While the series was being planned the Secretary-General of the United Nations, an honorary member of the Association, was killed and the series became known as the "Hammarskjöld Forums."

The first of these forums was devoted to the *Issues in the Berlin-German Crisis*. A working paper was presented to the participants and then a discussion took place led by persons who had played a leading part in the American administration in Germany. Nothing in the way of a contribution to the solution of the problem of Berlin is to be found in this small volume (the actual text takes only 45 pages), but any student of international law or relations seeking an easily understood background of the legal and political problem involved will find it here — the Soviet argument is given, even though it tends to be 'loaded', but a detailed bibliography may help the reader to restore the balance.

The political implications of the Berlin issue are perhaps most clearly indicated by the comment that the "Western military presence in Berlin, originally intended to serve the security of the occupying powers against the German people, now sustains the opportunity for more than two million West Berliners to determine their own future and way of life."