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This issue of the *Journal* commences with an abbreviated exposition by Harry W. Jones of his "mankind perspective" theory, the author stressing the need for the creation of international law to preclude the annihilation of mankind through its own technological ingenuity. He argues that, where the common law was traditionally *found*, this new international law must be *created*.

The *Journal* is proud to announce the first appearance of its section on international forensic medicine. The five articles represent each author's response to the request to describe the current status of forensic medicine in his particular country or region. The difference in the scope and tone of the articles demonstrates the wide range of opinion on what forensic medicine is, what it should be, and the state of flux in which this discipline exists.

The student note in this issue examines the basic institutional structure of the Latin American Free Trade Association and the proposed modifications of that structure now under consideration by the member nations. These changes are analyzed from the viewpoint of the avowed purpose of the signatories to lay the foundations for the eventual formation of a Latin American Common Market through a gradual process of economic and political integration. The author concludes that while the Association represents a solid beginning in the integration process, the failure of the contracting Parties to ratify the proposed modifications indicates that further progress will not be forthcoming until the individual nations are willing to compromise their traditional sovereignty for the best interests of the entire community.