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CORRESPONDENCE

TO THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

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In "Torture and Emergency Powers Under the European Convention on Human Rights: Ireland v. The United Kingdom," 1 Michael O'Boyle cites a section of The Irsh Triangle 2 as a condemnation of the Compton Committee's examination into allegations of torture and brutality in Northern

¹71 AJIL 674 (1977).

² Reviewed at 71 AJIL 375 (1977).

Ireland. While I certainly do not disagree with Mr. O'Boyle's statement, I must point out that, given the format of the book, the citation is wrong since it refers to views that I hypothesized might be set forth by an opponent of the existing Ulster regime.

In any case, however, Mr. O'Boyle is right in condemning Compton. Although it is admittedly difficult for a person to find fault with his or her own country, the strained reasoning of Compton (and Parker, and later Widgery) was disappointing and ostensibly nothing more than an attempt to protect the guilty; and although the dissenting vote of Gardiner in the Parker Committee's report was a welcome relief to those dismayed with Britain's legal processes in the North, it could not overcome the feeling that what was perhaps needed was an inquiry into the British inquiries.

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TO THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The practice of states in questions of international law constitutes, undoubtedly, a main factor in the creation as well as the progressive development of international law. Hence, it is already a truism to emphasize the importance of a periodical publication of relevant documents and reports on the state practice. Such reports concerning several states have already been systematically included in other journals of international law; the Austrian State practice, however, has on a systematic basis hitherto escaped the attention of authors of international law.

For these reasons, on behalf of the editors of the Österreichische Zeitschrift für öffentliches Recht und Völkerrecht, I would like to draw your and the readers' attention to a new annual section on the Austrian practice in international law which is included in that journal. The eminent Austrian international lawyer, Professor Verdross, has given the impetus to the establishment of this section; the first report covering the period 1975/76 appeared in volume 27 (1976), pp. 301-71, the second, covering the period 1976/77 in volume 28 (1977), pp. 303-49.

These annual reports follow a general outline printed in full in volume 27, p. 303, comprising a wide range of topics of general international law combined with some items arising from Austria's specific position in international law. The new section falls into two parts: the first contains the judicial practice (Austrian international law cases) and is compiled by Professor P. Fischer; the second contains the diplomatic practice (Austrian digest of international law) and is compiled by myself. An English summary is added to each case to open access to the main subjects of these materials to English speaking lawyers.

I may add that the title of our journal because of this new section has been altered from Osterreichische Zeitschrift für öffentliches Recht (Austrian Journal of Public Law) to Osterreichische Zeitschrift für öffentliches Recht und Völkerrecht (Austrian Journal of Public and International Law).

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