

## THE VAN VOLLENHOVEN MEMORIAL LECTURE\*

Every five years a lecture is held at Leiden University in memory of Cornelis van Vollenhoven (1874-1933) who during and after the First World War was a staunch supporter of the League of Nations and of the idea of an international police force. The work of Hugo Grotius formed his inspiration. Sir Brian Urquhart, former Under Secretary-General of the United Nations was invited to deliver the 1988 Cornelis van Vollenhoven Memorial Lecture. Sir Brian has been deeply involved with the establishment of United Nations peace-keeping forces right from the beginning. It was an unforeseen but happy coincidence that at the same time the Board of Trustees of the Wateler Peace Prize decided to grant the 1988 award to Sir Brian for his outstanding contribution to the cause of peace. It was decided to combine the two ceremonies; after Sir Brian had given his lecture, which is printed below, he was presented with the Wateler Peace Prize by the Chairman of the Board, former Minister for Foreign Affairs, Max van der Stoel.

*P.H. Kooijmans*

\* The Third Memorial Lecture of the Cornelis van Vollenhoven Foundation, delivered at Leiden University, 22 November 1988.