

BOOKS RECEIVED

• Carliner, David, Lucas Guttentag, Arthur C. Helton and Wade J. Henderson, *The Rights of Aliens and Refugees: The Basic ACLU Guide to Alien and Refugee Rights*, 2nd. ed., The American Civil Liberties Foundation, Carbondale, Ill.: Southern Illinois University Press.

Using a question and answer format, this small paperback written by four eminent authorities on American refugee law, attempts to define the rights of aliens in the United States, rights not based on universal human rights principles but on the absolute sovereign right of the USA to exclude (or include) aliens in the rights and privileges granted to Americans. Though advertised as completely revised and up-to-date, no book on refugees can be and it does not cover the November reforms to American refugee law. It begins with the 1986 Immigration Reform and Control Act and deals not only with protection and rights to remain in the USA as well as with entry rights and exclusion and deportation proceedings, but also with social rights (to work, own property, and receive benefits) and duties (military service and taxes).

• An-Na'im, Abdullah Ahmed and Francis M. Deng, eds. *Human Rights in Africa: Cross-Cultural Perspectives*, Washington, The Brookings Institution.

The title of this book is somewhat misleading, though not intentionally. It does not deal with the human rights practices in various African countries but provides a theoretical perspective on human rights from the western and liberal traditions, Christian and Muslim perspectives and most interestingly from the point of view of a number of African cultures.

With essays by such well known human rights theorists as Jack Donnelly and Rhoda Howard who are also specialists on Africa, this is a critical volume for human rights theorists.

(A full review has been commissioned for a later issue.)

• *Excom in Abstracts*, Geneva: Centre for Documentation on Refugees.

Issued on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of UNHCR, this bibliography describes in abstract form the variety of documents issued in the context of UNHCR's governing bodies (the High Commissioner's Advisory Committee on Refugees from 1951 to 1954, the United Nations Refugee Fund Executive Committee from 1955 to 1958 and the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme since 1959) and at major international UNHCR sponsored refugee conferences from 1951 to 1990. The documents provide a succinct history of refugee issues in the postwar world including specific problems such as assistance, economic integration, legal interpretation, permanent solutions, resettlement, housing, travel, mental health, physically handicapped, education and in the later period, aid and development and women, as well as on specific groups of refugees from China, Bulgaria, Hungary, Algeria and those in Austria, Germany, Hong Kong and the Middle East excluding Palestinians. The shift of reports to other geographical regions in the sixties - refugee from Rwanda, the Congo, Burundi and then later to Indochina and Latin America - was a portent of the changing refugee situation in the last third of this century.

• *Southeast Asian Journal of Social Science*, Vol. 18, No. 1 (1990), Special Focus on Indochinese Refugees 15 Years Later.

Chan Kwok Bun edited this volume and contributed to two of the essays dealing with Indochinese refugees left in limbo fifteen years after the crisis began and with the conceptual and definitional issues brought to the fore by the crisis. Most of the other papers deal with the responses of various Asian countries - collectively through ASEAN and individually - Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong, Japan and Australia. Two papers deal with the camp life of the refugees and their mental health and coping strategies.

• Kuhlman, Tom, *Burden or boon? A Study of Eritrean Refugees in the Sudan*, Amsterdam, VU University Press.

This volume begins with a brief depiction of the region, its demography, economy, politics and history as background to the Eritrean war and the flow of urban and rural refugees and their impact on the labour market and such services as housing, water, health and education. (A full review has been commissioned for a later issue.)

• William Rogers Brubaker, *Immigration and the Politics of Citizenship in Europe and North America*, New York, University Press of America, Inc.

This book provides a collection of essays on the ethical and political theories and practices of granting membership or citizenship in the state and approaches the core issue behind solutions rather than the cause of the refugee problem.

• Aboum, Chole, Minear, Mohammed, Sebstad and Weiss, October 1990. *A critical Review of Operation Lifeline Sudan - A Report to the Aid Agencies*.

• Bulcha, Mekuria, 1988. *Flight and Integration - Causes of Mass Exodus from Ethiopia and Problems of Integration in Sudan*, Scandinavian Institute of African Studies.

• Christensen, Hanne, 1990. *The Reconstruction of Afghanistan: A Chance for Rural Afghan Women*. United Nations Research Institute for Social Development.

THE NORTHERN ROUTE by Lisa Gilad

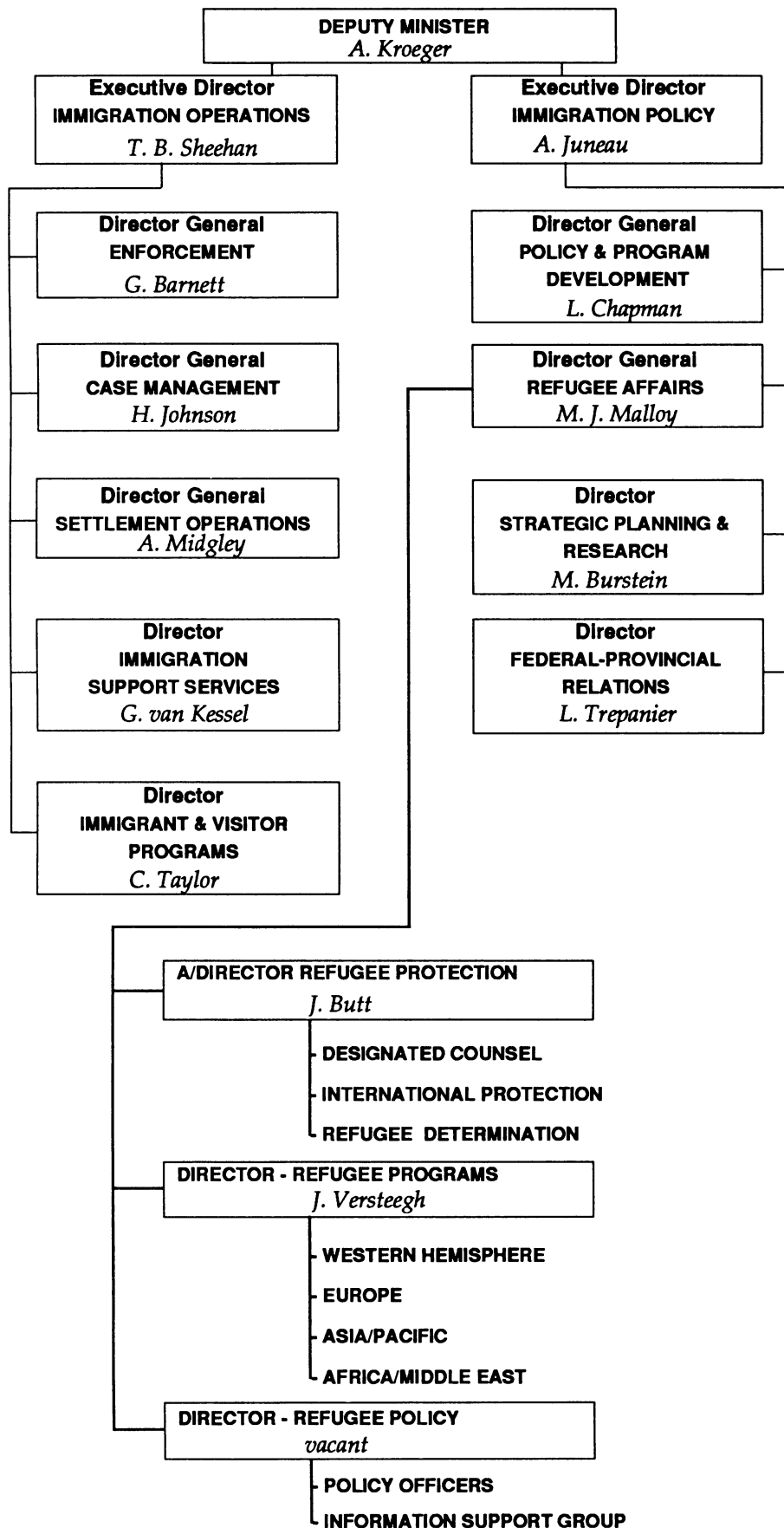
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ANNOUNCEMENT

ANNUAL DINNER

The Centre for Refugee Studies' annual dinner will be held on March 7, 1991 at 7:00 p.m. at the International Restaurant, 421-429 Dundas St. West, 3rd Floor and will feature a 10-course menu.

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