

In July, France, which until then had a domestic jurisdiction clause of a like effect to that of the United States, formally renounced the power which it had reserved to itself and will hereafter leave it to the Court to determine.

It is of interest that in 1957 the United Kingdom decided to exclude from the Court's jurisdiction such disputes as, in the opinion of the United Kingdom Government, affected its national security, and in November 1958 deleted the reservation in this regard.

Western nations, indeed all peace-loving nations, by expanding the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court will be doing their part as architects of a world legal order, with the Rule of Law as its basic pillar.

Jurisdiction is the key, the sine qua non, for the existence of the universal Rule of Law -- and by that I mean compulsory jurisdiction. For this reason, the goal of all peace-loving states should be directed to bring about the acceptance of the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice by the members of the international community of nations as a whole. That this is still far in the future must be admitted, as the communist world systematically continues to ignore the Court.

#### Need for Stronger Court

The Court, as the judicial arm of the United Nations, needs to have the opportunity to play a larger and more dynamic role. What I wish to emphasize is that anything which the international community of nations does to strengthen the International Court of Justice will strengthen the Rule of Law itself, and as a preliminary step the General Assembly of the United Nations might well give consideration to a comprehensive study of the wider use of the Court by all member states.

By upholding the sanctity of the Rule of Law, by promoting respect for the law, by vigorously doing all we can to achieve and maintain freedom under the law, lawyers will be contributing to the realization of the new order where peace and the Rule of Law are inextricably linked, where peace is secured through law, and where law will become the true and final security for all mankind.

#### International Police Force

The establishment of an International Police Force would be a further step in the maintenance of the Rule of Law internationally. This has been a perennial subject for discussion among international lawyers since the days of Grotius. It was advocated by Castlereagh at the Council of Vienna. It was considered at the Versailles Conference in 1919 and