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The growth of the jurisprudence of judicial and quasi-judicial tribunals dealing with human rights is a major feature of the development of international law in recent years. The present volume, devoted exclusively to the decisions of the European Court of Human Rights, is an attempt to provide in the *International Law Reports* a proper reflection of that expansion. Although earlier judgments of this tribunal have appeared in these *Reports* (see the table at p. xi below), its activity in the last four years has been such that further deferment of the presentation of so large a body of material contributing significantly to the development both of the law of human rights and of international law generally seemed inappropriate. As a result of the decision to include all those judgments rendered up to the end of 1979 and, as well, two decisions given in 1980 on applications for damages in two of the earlier cases, the present volume has had to be extended to approximately 730 pages, some 15% more than usual. A number of technical consequences of the specialist character of the volume are explained in the Editorial Note at p. vii below.

Of course, the present volume does not exhaust the significant materials in the field of human rights. The next volume of the *Reports* will contain the ‘views’ of the United Nations Committee on Human Rights in 1979. Decisions of the European Court of Human Rights following those printed in the present volume will appear in regular sequence in successive volumes of these *Reports*. The *Deweer* case (27 February 1980) and the *Artico* case (13 May 1980), for example, will be published in volume 60. Also, we are conscious that much material of importance and interest is contained in many decisions of the European Commission of Human Rights not subsequently made the subject of consideration by the European Court of Human Rights. To a selection of the more important of such decisions of the European Commission we hope to be able to devote a volume or more in the not too distant future.

The production of the present volume owes much to two persons. As will be seen, each decision is preceded by a substantial summary. Eleven of these have been prepared by Mr C. H. R. Thornberry and six by Mr T. F. Martin. In addition, Mr Martin has been primarily responsible for putting the volume together, preparing the Tables and the Index and seeing the whole through the press. For all that they have done, we warmly thank Mr Thornberry and Mr Martin.

PREFACE

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To this should be added an expression of appreciation to the Secretariat of the European Court of Human Rights for providing the mimeographed texts of the judgments, to my secretary, Mrs S. Rainbow, and to our printers, the Gomer Press, who have admirably discharged in the setting of this volume, which contains no photo-reproduction, an exacting task.

It is particularly sad to have to record the deaths within a few days of each other of two major friends of and contributors to these *Reports*: Professor Alona F. Evans and Judge Richard Baxter. Of Judge Baxter I shall write in the Preface to the next volume. Professor Alona Evans, Professor of Political Science at Wellesley College, Massachusetts—whose prominence as an international lawyer was reflected in her position, at the time of her death on 22 September 1980, as President of the American Society of International Law—carried for a number of years the heavy burden of contributing the cases from the United States of America. She did so with skill, efficiency and patience. I note her association with these *Reports* with gratitude, respect and affection.

As the present volume contains only cases emanating from a single tribunal, the European Court of Human Rights, a number of technical changes have been made in the form of presentation usually followed in the *International Law Reports*.

The system of Classification is followed to the extent of placing all the cases within Part VI, A, I, ‘The Individual in International Law—In General—Human Rights and Freedoms’. Beyond this, no attempt is made further to classify the cases since each touches so many aspects of the law of human rights. Instead, the cases are printed in chronological order, according to the dates of the judgments.

The bold-letter headings at the beginning of each case seek to identify the main points of law dealt with in the case, whether or not related exclusively to human rights. This, coupled with the fulness of the Index, has been thought to justify the omission of cross-references.

The standard Table of Contents, indicating the main Parts of the Classification, and the Classification itself have been replaced by a Table of Contents which lists the cases in the order in which they are printed. The Table of Cases arranged according to Courts is unnecessary in this volume, but the alphabetical Table of Cases is maintained. The Table of Treaties consists, of course, mainly of references to the provisions of the European Convention on Human Rights.

To assist the reader in finding earlier decisions of the European Court of Human Rights printed in previous volumes of the *International Law Reports*, alphabetical and chronological tables of judgments before 1976 appear immediately following the Table of Cases Reported.

The names of the cases are those given to them by the European Court of Human Rights, except for the *Case concerning Certain Aspects of the Laws on the Use of Languages in Education in Belgium* which has been abbreviated to the *Belgian Linguistics Case*.

Where a judgment mentions earlier cases printed in the *International Law Reports*, appropriate footnote references have been inserted.

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