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FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Boston College Third World Law Journal was conceived as a forum for scholarly legal works on topics relating to minorities in our culture and the third world cultures from which these people came. Thus, the Journal has both an international and a domestic focus. The study of these legal issues represents a newly-emerging field, a field that is not free from controversy. To be sure, the very concept "third world" invites debate.

Jeane Kirkpatrick, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, published an article in the Journal last year in which she stated, "the election of Ronald Reagan means a dramatic reorientation of U.S. foreign policy." In connection with this theme, the articles in this issue of the Journal explore various perspectives on the impact that President Reagan's election and related developments have had on third world people at home and abroad.

The first article explores the extent to which traditional Western legal thought provides a conceptual framework for analyzing third world legal issues. The second article is a debate between Senator Orrin Hatch (R. Utah) and William Coleman, Esquire, on affirmative action remedies. The final lead article gives the perspective of a noteworthy Mexican intellect, Carlos Fuentes, on U.S. - Latin American relations.

The student notes explore two controversies within international and domestic law: the exploitation of deep-sea minerals by developing and developed nations and the current developments in the law of desegregation.

Our lead articles and student notes represent the Journal's continuing commitment to providing a forum for scholarly legal discussion on matters that are not only of vital importance to third world peoples and cultures, but also to the United States and world community in general. The Journal, the only third world law forum in the country, hopes to contribute to a deeper understanding of matters that ultimately are of vital importance to all of us.

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