

Editor's Note

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Looking to the well-organized, informative presentations which follow this comment, as well as the excellent commentaries of Professor Chiu and Mgrs. Ramundo and Leibman, I feel honored to be able to contribute my thoughts to this edition of the *International Trade Law Journal*. I thank the American Bar Association for permitting the *Journal* to publish the proceedings of the Law Professors' Workshop on the Chinese Connection and Normalization. In addition, the opportunity to attend the Workshop and share in the impressive knowledge imparted at the sessions was an invaluable experience. The editing of the presentations was especially enjoyable since the topic of discussion — the normalization of relations with the P.R.C. — was actively becoming history, the highlight of which was the legal controversy over the termination of the Mutual Defense Treaty with Taiwan. The strong impact normalization has had on law, politics, commerce and human rights is profoundly apparent throughout this issue and I urge our readers to be sensitive to the dynamic effect normalization has had on the topics discussed.

No editorial note is complete without mention of the many people who helped in the preparation of an issue but who do not have the chance to express their sentiments officially, except, of course, through editing, source checking and proofreading which is so inextricably a part of any issue. To John, Bob, Ramsey, Jack, Steve, David and Chip, I have appreciated all the "rescues." To the staff, thanks for all the last minute favors and the hours spent on proofreading galleys and pages. On behalf of the entire *Journal* staff, I personally thank Professor Chiu for his gracious patience. And as I type the final words of this note, bless you Doris Tippet, friend and typist extraordinaire, for typing this mass of material!

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