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The first issue of Volume 3 of the *Journal* contains a variety of perspectives for the reader to ponder, which range from man's conception of the universe to his preoccupation with protecting his "vested" interests. Professor Ovid Lewis, in the first article, analyzes the efforts of Dr. Jeremiah Pangloss, who has spent the last several years living with and studying the Zuckaroo — the last culture on earth uncontaminated by cultural pollution. On the basis of his experience, Pangloss — the eternal optimist — expects to define the universal functional requisites of society. His expectations are devastated by Professor Lewis' discussion which illustrates the limitations inherent in such an endeavor. Realization of these limitations prompts Jeremiah to the pinnacle of pessimism. In the second article, Professor Ross R. Oglesby considers the patterns of intervention exhibited by third party States toward States experiencing civil conflict. He concludes that a pluralism of norms appears to be emerging.

The definition of "refugee" which a State adopts allows it to exclude large segments of the world's refugee population. Austin T. Fragomen, Jr., in the third article, examines the current definitional problems contained in the Convention and Protocol on Refugees, and proposes that a more humanitarian definition should be adopted by States in general and the United States in particular. The first student note in this issue explores a difficult area of United States immigration law, that of mental illness exclusions. Unfortunately, humanitarian concerns are not as apparent in this area because the law is vague, contains broad exclusions, has a rigid classification system, and lacks the recognition of treatment and rehabilitation.

Finally, the second student note studies the features of the oil import program, the arguments for and against alterations in the program, the impact of the President's Task Force Report, and congressional response to the entire controversy.