

others' work. (See, e.g., the final paragraph of his book review in the January 1979 issue of this *Journal*, pp. 168–69.)

His writings? They are awesome. Perhaps most of them are in United Nations documents, anonymously issued. Nonetheless, the volume and value of the writings where he is credited as author humble most of us who publish our human rights ideas. Fortunately, those credited works are now cataloged in the fine "Schwelb Issue" that in 1971 Karel Vasak and other colleagues prepared for the International Institute of Human Rights. (See Vol. 4 [combined issues Nos. 2 & 3] of the *Human Rights Journal*, pp. 194–678, in both English and *français*; note too that many Schwelb publications postdate 1971.)

Egon and his spirited wife Karla were present at the moving ceremony in Strasbourg when that volume of the *Human Rights Journal* was dedicated. I was among those who were honored by the invitation to say a few words. Borrowing from a parallel comment by Arthur Rubinstein, when he was once asked about Chopin's role vis-à-vis pianists, I proposed that Egon Schwelb—as chief mentor of human rights—was "the loving elder brother of us all." Never before or since have I witnessed an audience of that kind respond so immediately, so appreciatively, so enthusiastically and affectingly in tribute. They sensed how generously Egon Schwelb sought to share with everyone his wisdom, his aims and dreams, his friendship. *Requiescat in pace.*

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John G. Laylin contributed significantly to the activities of the American Society of International Law throughout his long career in private practice. He was elected to the Executive Council in the years from 1959 to 1962, and again from 1967 to 1969. He also served on a number of the Society's committees, including the Committee on Corporate Membership (1972–1977), the Nominating Committee (1974), the Committee for Finance and Endowment (1961–1964), and the Committee for Program Development (1964).

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Those in the Society who worked with John Laylin came to know his keen sense of the interplay between law and politics. He was persistent on behalf of a client or a cause and imaginative in finding new arguments to support positions. His counsel to the Society was of great value, especially in evaluating and organizing new projects. The Society and the field of international law have been enriched by John Laylin's efforts and judgment. His colleagues in the Society will miss his warm friendship.

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