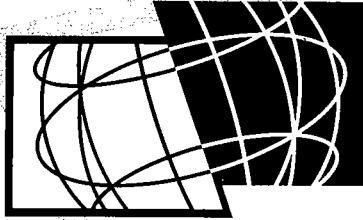


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## United Nations World Conference on Human Rights Convenes in Geneva in June

***Human Rights: Know Them, Demand Them, Defend Them***

From June 14 to 25, the General Assembly of the United Nations is convening a World Conference on Human Rights involving leaders from governments, specialized agencies of the U.N., international and regional organizations, and nongovernmental organizations. The purposes of the World Conference are to assess the human rights situation facing the world as it enters the 21st century; to identify obstacles to protecting and promoting human rights; to consider more effective methods of enforcement; and, to find resources to support U.N. human rights activities. Over one thousand groups are expected to attend the three-day conference for nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) that will precede the official conference on June 10-12 in Vienna.

Attorney Penny Parker will represent Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights at the NGO Conference and the World Conference. Parker, a graduate of the University of Minnesota now practicing in Dallas, regularly repre-

sents Minnesota Advocates at U.N. human rights meetings. Parker intends to work closely with NGO organizers to create on-the-spot NGO contact lists, and to distribute information about U.N. human rights procedures.

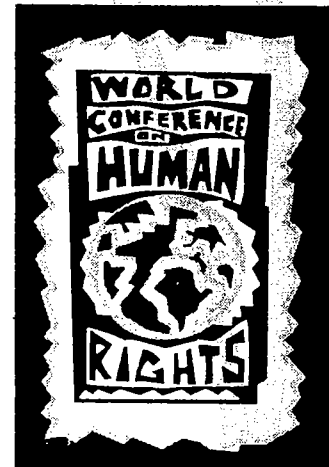
Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights and International Service for Human Rights, a Geneva-based NGO, will continue their long-standing collaboration to assist NGO representatives at the World Conference. The two organizations have co-published two editions of *U.N. Commission on Human Rights: Orientation Manual for Nongovernmental Organizations*, (available for purchase through Minnesota Advocates). The two groups also provide an NGO service by publishing immediate vote tallies on human rights resolutions at the U.N. Commission on Human Rights. The World Conference in Vienna will offer another opportunity to facilitate the NGO community in its efforts to gain access to U.N. decision making in the field of human rights. ■



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See the schedule for the June 21 Asylum Seminar on page 5. For more information about the Seminar please call Rich Thomas or Nancy Arnison at 612-341-3302.

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# Newsnotes

Board Member and Ramsey County Public Defender **Fredilyn Sison** will interview returning overseas contract workers in the Philippines during an upcoming June visit. Sison is a member of a Minnesota Advocates working group gathering testimony concerning the treatment of Filipino domestic workers in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. Other members of the group include **Pacyinz Lyfoung, Cheryl Thomas, and Karin Wentz.**

The Civil Litigation Section of the Minnesota State Bar Association will confer its 1993 Advocacy Award on **Barbara Frey**, Executive Director of Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights. The award is given to the person who best represents the mission of the section, "to promote, enhance and refine the advocacy system as a

just, efficient and accessible means of civil conflict resolution." Frey will receive the award at the State Bar Convention in Brainerd on June 24.

Minnesota Advocates Board Member **Bruce Hanley** visited Tegucigalpa, Honduras to investigate the case of an American citizen, who is being detained by the authorities in Tegucigalpa without trial on drug charges. Hanley is seeking a transfer of the case to the United States. His client has lost 80 pounds and suffered a heart attack from the stringent conditions of his two-year incarceration.

Congratulations to Board member **Cheryl Thomas** and loyal volunteer **Roger Heegaard** on the birth of their son, **Joseph Thomas Heegaard**, on May 20.

Minnesota Advocates consulting asylum attorney **Leslie Guyton** spoke on "Working Across Cultures: Refugees and Immigrants" at Minneapolis Community College on May 15.

Former Minnesota Advocates volunteer **Inger Tangborn** has been placed as a program officer with U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees in Sofia, Bulgaria. ■

## In Memorium

Minnesota Advocates mourns the recent death of **Martin Abramson**, age 30. Marty was a dedicated volunteer attorney with the Refugee & Asylum Project. His compassion, competence and hard work inspired us all.

The Human Rights Observer is a publication of Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights, an independent organization of lawyers and other advocates committed to the impartial promotion and protection of international human rights. The organization advocates against individual human rights abuses, investigates human rights conditions in other countries, works to strengthen laws and institutions that protect human rights, and educates the public about human rights.

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## Employment Opportunity

The University of Minnesota Law School is accepting applications for a temporary member of its clinic teaching staff to supervise an Immigration and Human Rights Law Clinic -- for which a 3-year grant has been sought from the federal government. The clinical teacher's responsibilities are expected to include: supervision of law students in immigration and human rights cases; classroom instruction and preparation of materials on immigration law, human rights law, and lawyering skills; as well as development and administration of an immigration and human rights clinic. Minimum qualifications include a J.D. degree and 2 years of legal practice. Desired qualifications include: 1) knowledge and practical experience in international human rights law and immigration law -- particularly refugee and asylum law; 2) demonstrated teaching and supervisory ability; 3) commitment to clinical education; 4) academic credentials; 5) demonstrated creativity and self-motivational skills

6) demonstrated lawyering ability, including excellent writing skills; and, 7) good interpersonal skills. The appointment will be for a 3-year grant period, subject to award of the federal grant, the continuation of annual appropriations, and subject to the possibility that the term of the grant will be limited to 1 year (as has occurred in regard to similar funding requests in the past). The desired starting date is August 1, 1993. The University of Minnesota is an equal opportunity educator and employer and specifically invites and encourages applications from women and minorities. Applications should be sent to Professor David Weissbrodt, University of Minnesota Law School, 229 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55455 (phone, 612-625-9858) and must be received by July 1, 1993. Applications should include a resume, law school transcript, description of relevant knowledge and experience, the names and telephone numbers of 2 references, and a brief writing sample. ■

# War Crimes and Human Rights Education Projects

## Precedent for War Crimes Prosecution under International Law

The international community, reacting with outrage to the horrors of Nazi atrocities during World War II, created the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg in 1945 to prosecute those responsible for war-time abuses. Today the United Nations, reacting with similar outrage, has begun to investigate war crimes in the former Yugoslavia.

The Military Tribunal at Nuremberg drew upon existing international humanitarian law, established in the Hague Convention IV of 1907, to forge its own definition of punishable offenses. Control Council Law #10 defined three categories of crimes: crimes against peace, war crimes, and crimes against humanity. In 1947 the U.N. General Assembly adopted a resolution affirming these principles.

The Geneva Conventions of 1949, with the additional Protocols of 1977, expanded upon these principles and established the modern guidelines for conduct during war. The former Yugoslavia was a signator to these and other relevant international human rights documents including the Genocide Convention of 1951. Those who violate the Conventions are subject to punishment by individual states and the international community. No statute of limitations applies to war crimes and "universal jurisdiction" allows any state to prosecute offenders found within its borders.

The five member Commission of Experts established by the U.N. Security Council in October 1992 to investigate violations in former Yugoslavia is the first such commission since World War

II. Its mission is to collect evidence of criminal acts and identify those who should be prosecuted. The Commission's focus is the "grave breaches" of international law. These "war crimes" and "crimes against humanity" include the mistreatment of civilians and prisoners of war, murder, extermination, enslavement, rape, illegal deportations and other inhumane acts committed against the non-combatant population in a war zone. The U.N. Secretary General has submitted a plan for a tribunal to try those selected for prosecution defined in Article 147 of the Geneva Convention.

*This article was written by Seth Hartigan, an intern on the War Crimes Project. For more information on the Project please call Jim Coy at 612-343-8223 or Elizabeth Bruch at 612-343-8221. ■*

## Thoughts on the Human Rights Education Project

Picture, if you will, 11 and 12 year-old children debating whether or not the penal code of an Arab country violates the International Declaration of Rights or discussing the plight of children enslaved by the garment industry in Bangladesh.

These are students in a combination fifth and sixth grade class at Glen Lake School in the Hopkins (MN) School District. They are participants in the Human Rights Education Project. With instruction from Brad Lehrman, an attorney and coordinator of the Project, they are learning about human rights. During the previous school year, the school had drafted a Student Bill of Rights. This document served as a starting point in the study which, over the past six months, has expanded to provide a national and global perspective. Using a variety of materials

(videos, newspapers, television, articles, legal documents), instructional techniques, and experiences, the children grew adept at recognizing and discussing human rights issues.

One of the activities was to write letters to President Clinton regarding the Bosnian/Serbian civil war. After some fact-finding, the students became "Human Rights Activists," expressing their opinions about the situation. The children felt empowered by working as a group to make a statement and feel as if they were doing something. Young people need to learn to be citizens in a democracy, as well as citizens of a global community. The Human Rights Education Project is an outstanding educational program which furthers these goals.

Following are two of the letters written

by the students to President Clinton:

*Dear Mr. Clinton,*

*I am studying the Human Rights Declaration at my school in Minnetonka, Minnesota. My name is Nat Jungerberg. I'm 12.*

*I wrote to you to tell you what I think you should do about the problem in Bosnia. I think that the U.S. should take action. The people are suffering over there and can't do anything. It makes me feel bad that I get to play outside and do what I want without violence in my backyard like there is in Bosnia.*

*I know there is a lot of pressure on what you should do to solve this terrible problem. I respect any decision you make greatly. Good luck!*

*Your Fellow American,  
Nat Jungerberg*

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# Approved CLE Credits and Asylum News

Following is a list of CLE credits approved for programs sponsored by Minnesota Advocates since 1990:

Date	Seminar	Credits
04/05/90	Political Asylum Training Seminar	8.0
05/23/90	Refugee Family Reunification/ Humanitarian Parole	4.25
12/04/90	How Will Human Rights Inform Foreign Policy and Economic Decisions in the Post Cold War Era? (1990 Annual Mtg.)	1.75
01/24, 01/30, 02/07, and 02/14/91	Perspectives on the Middle East: History, Law, Human Rights, and Foreign Policy	6.0
04/05/91	Refugee Family Reunification Humanitarian Parole	4.0
05/10 - 05/11/91	Post-Conviction Representation in Death Penalty Cases	7.5
06/13/91	How Minnesota Lawyers Can Contribute to International Advocacy	1.0
06/21/91	Political Asylum Training Seminar	7.0
07/26/91	Death Penalty Defense Project: How to Read a Trial Transcript	1.0
12/04/91	Free Speech Series: Free Speech in China and the USSR	1.0
12/11/91	Free Speech Series: Religion vs. Free Expression: The Rushdie Affair	1.0
12/17/91	Free Speech Series: A Balancing of Rights: The St. Paul Hate Speech	1.5
01/17/91	Current Minnesota Legislation to Reintroduce the Death Penalty	1.0
03/04/92	Guatemalan Asylum Applications	1.0
03/20/92	Use of Social Workers	1.0

03/23/92-	Refugee and Asylum Law and Policy Seminar	30.0
03/26/92	Refugee and Asylum Law and Policy Seminar	7.5/day
10/08/92	Report on the Current Efforts of Minnesota Attorneys Representing Death Row Inmates	1.0
10/29/92	Somalia Speaker Series	1.5
11/09/92	Somalia Speaker Series	1.5
11/20/92	Somalia Speaker Series	1.5
11/23/92	How to Contribute to a Death Penalty Defense	1.0
01/19/93	Adjudicating Asylum Applications	1.25
03/11/93	Supreme Court Review: Impact of this Term's Decisions on the Death Penalty	1.0
04/22/93-	Against the Odds: Successful Criminal Defense Strategies	13.25
04/24/93		

## Education Project *from page 3*

Dear President Clinton,

*I know you have many other problems but please look into the situation in Bosnia.*

*My name is Larissa Martin. My class is studying human rights. We are concerned that people all over the world have their human rights violated. Right here are Glen Lake people's rights are violated.*

*Please go on television, or something, and tell people about human rights.*

*Thank you,  
Larissa Martin*

This article was written by Sandy Falkman, who teaches fifth and sixth grades at Glen Lake School in Minnetonka, MN. ■

## Asylum Claim Granted

On April 29, 1993, the INS granted the asylum application of A.P. and M.P., a married couple from the Republic of Georgia in the former Soviet Union. They were represented by volunteer attorney Bob Gilbertson of Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi, with Susan Saxl providing consulting attorney assistance.

A.P. is an Armenian whose family has lived in Tbilisi, Georgia for centuries. (Approximately eight percent of Georgia's population is Armenian.) His wife, M.P., is Georgian. Both suffered on account of A.P.'s nationality — A.P. was denied numerous school and employment opportunities, M.P. was subjected to discrimination at work, and both were blatantly discriminated against in housing. Even A.P.'s young nephew was not spared. On one occasion, his grade school teacher stood him in front of the class and said that Armenians are guests in Georgia and, like all good guests, should know when to go home. Perhaps most frightening were a series of letters the couple received threatening them and warning them, among other things, that any children they had would be in great danger. An Armenian friend who had received similar letters had been found shot in the head.

A.P. and M.P. were able to get an affidavit from a friend saying that he had seen the threatening letters. Shortly before their interview with the immigration officer they received some of the actual letters which had been retrieved by their parents in Georgia. The interview, conducted by Asylum Officer Dorothy Bracey, focused on the specific forms of persecution suffered by A.P. and M.P., but also ranged into a discussion of the traditionally repressed but now growing nationalism in the former U.S.S.R. Ms. Bracey had

some interest in the politics of Georgia even though the couple's asylum application was not based on political opinion. In fact, their claim for asylum was based on nationality, religion, and membership in a social group.

A.P. and M.P.'s interview took place a little over five months after submission of their application, and the decision to grant asylum was received two and a half months after the interview. ■

## Death Penalty Defense Project: Seminar Thanks

The Death Penalty Defense Project's April criminal defense seminar, *Against the Odds*, was the product of contributions by many volunteers, including:

Maureen Bakken  
 Laura Bauman  
 Stephanie Carter  
 David Cox  
 Greg Gisvold  
 Michael Gregori  
 Sara Gurwitch  
 Judy Kirby  
 Scott Leunig  
 Mark Paron  
 Sonia Rosen  
 Kristi Rudelius-Palmer  
 Rebecca Simpson  
 Professor David Weissbrodt  
 Kimberly Wick  
 Vanessa Williams

Also, the support of the Minnesota Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the Boehm Foundation, Feagre & Benson and the University of Minnesota Human Rights Center is gratefully acknowledged. ■

## Eighth Annual Asylum Training Seminar - June 21, 1993

8:00-8:15	Registration & Coffee
8:15-8:30	Welcome & Introduction: Necessity of Pro Bono Efforts
8:30-10:00	Overview of Asylum Law
10:05-11:00	Completing Form I-589 Applying for Work Authorization Documenting "well-founded fear" Country Conditions Proving Persecution Interview by the Asylum Officer
11:10-12:00	Post-Interview Procedures Deportation Hearings Appeals
12:00-12:30	Taking a Case through Minnesota Advocates Medical Testimony
12:30-1:30	Lunch Break
1:30-2:30	Changed Country Conditions Country-wide Persecution, Internal Flight
2:35-3:15	New Developments in Social Group Analysis Gender-based Claims Sexual Orientation
3:25-4:45	Post-Zacarias Case Law Imputed Political Opinion Prosecution vs. Persecution Forced Abortions Illegal Departures Other Current Developments in Refugee Definition
4:45-5:15	Legislative Developments

**Registration fee:** \$85 for attendees taking an asylum case this year; \$150 for attendees not taking an asylum case this year; \$15 for law students. There is a \$10 discount for members of Minnesota Advocates. Registration deadline is June 16.

Application will be made for 7 CLE credits. The Seminar will be held at the University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis, MN. For more information please call Rich Thomas or Nancy Arnison at 612-341-3302.

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for my Seminar registration.

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Please make checks payable to Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights and return to: Minnesota Advocates, 400 Second Avenue S. #1050, Minneapolis, MN 55401.

# Letterwriting

## Letterwriting: Philippines

On March 18, 1993, Ricky Bero and Julio Rapol "disappeared" after being arrested by a combined team of Philippines National Police (PNP) and members of the Citizen Armed Force Geographical Unit (CAFGU) in barangay (local administrative unit) Villa Pag-asa, Bansud, Oriental Mindoro, Philippines. After the arrest, both men were brought to the military camp at Bliss, barangay Villa Pag-asa Bansud. On March 20, the military denied to Julio Rapol's daughter that the men were being held there.

In spite of repeated requests for information, the whereabouts of these men is unknown to relatives and local human rights organizations. It is feared that they may be in danger of ill-treatment or even extrajudicial execution if they are not located immediately.

"Disappearance" and incommunicado detention have occurred in the Philippines amidst the backdrop of the armed conflict between the government and government backed forces and the New People's Army, the armed wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines.

Please send politely worded letters or use the following model.

*Dear President Ramos,*

*I am writing to express my deep concern over the disappearances of Ricky Bero and Julio Rapol following their arrests on March 18, 1993.*

*I urge you and the appropriate authorities to act immediately to clarify the whereabouts of these individuals and to initiate an immediate and impartial investigation into their arrest and unacknowledged detention. I also strongly encourage your government to establish and maintain centralized*

*public registers of all persons detained in all parts of the country and to make this information available to detainees, family members and lawyers.*

*As an advocate of international human rights I am very disturbed by the disappearances of Ricky Bero and Julio Rapol and am requesting that you keep me informed of the progress of the investigation into their disappearance.*

Send your appeals to:

President Fidel V. Ramos  
Malacanang Palace  
Manila, Philippines

PNP Provincial Director  
Bongabong  
Oriental Mindoro, Philippines

General Raul Imperial  
Director General  
Philippine National Police  
Camp Crame, Quezon City  
Manila, Philippines

*(please bcc: Minnesota Advocates)■*

## Brazilian Bar Leader Meets with Attorneys

Zelia Welman, head of the women's section of the Rio de Janeiro Bar Association, spoke on May 25 with a small group of attorneys from Briggs & Morgan, Best & Flanagan, and Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights. She discussed issues such as domestic violence against women, women in the legal profession, and the difficulties women face in their pursuit for equal treatment under the law.

Ms. Welman explained that in Brazil, though women attorneys are now en-

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tering areas traditionally dominated by men, such as private industry, banking, defense, and prosecution, rarely are women judges found in the higher courts. She also noted that in some states male superior court judges have manipulated the judgeship exam to eliminate completely all women candidates. Women have sued these judges and are attempting to change this system, but the tradition of male dominance has been maintained.

Ms. Welman addressed domestic violence in Brazil, saying that until four or five years ago there was very little awareness of this problem because it went largely unreported. Today, women in the more affluent classes understand that this type of violence can be combatted, and they have sought refuge in the law. They are also campaigning to raise awareness in the poorer sectors, where domestic violence against women is more common and where the victimized women are more reluctant to report their cases. Ms. Welman said that though progress has been made in the fight to combat domestic violence, there is still much need for improvement, as demonstrated by the presence of only one women's shelter in the entire country of Brazil.

Zelia Welman is touring the U.S., visiting civil and human rights organizations that assist women, to learn about work done in the U.S. and to exchange ideas. She will attend the World Conference on Human Rights, and says of the Conference, "This is the first time that the issue of domestic violence against women will be addressed at a conference of such international importance. It is therefore crucial that Brazilian women be adequately represented." Minnesota Advocates plans to follow up with her after the Conference. ■

# Interns and Director's Desk

## Interns/Volunteers

Minnesota Advocates thanks the following student interns and volunteers for their work this summer:

**Mercy Das** is a fellow at the Women and Development Project of the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs. She will work on the Human Rights Education Project and the Philippine overseas worker project.

**Sean Duffy** is this year's Minnesota Justice Foundation summer clerk. Duffy is a Hamline law student who will provide legal support to the Death Penalty Defense Project.

**Kristie Evenson** is a Macalaster student who will assist with the War Crimes Project and the organization's work on Latin America.

**Sara Gurwitch** is a first year student at the University of Minnesota Law School who will be assisting the Death Penalty Defense Project.

**Seth Hartigan** is a University of Minnesota undergraduate who is assisting with the War Crimes Project.

**Ilean Her** is a second year student at the University of Minnesota Law School who will be assisting the Refugee and Asylum Project.

**Andrew Painter** is a law student from New York University who will be working in Mexico for Minnesota Advocates.

**Andres Sanfuentes** is a Chilean lawyer and LL.M. graduate from the University of Notre Dame. Sanfuentes will be assisting the Minnesota Advocates with its work in Latin America.

**Carol Smoller** is a Notre Dame undergraduate who will be working on human rights in Mexico.

**Mark Yoshida** is a Notre Dame law student who will be assisting the Refugee and Asylum Project.

Thanks also to spring interns **Michael Gregori, Kimberly Wick, Vanessa Williams, Angela Mburu, Etefa Negassa, Pacyinz Lyfoung, Tony Hernandez, Jan Tynjala** and **Barb Plantiko**.

The summer internships of **Mercy Das, Ilean Her,** and **Christine Young** are supported by the MacArthur Center for International Peace and Cooperation and the University of Minnesota Human Rights Center. ■

## From the Director's Desk

The World Conference on Human Rights could not come at a worse, or a better, time. There is exhaustion and frustration in the human rights community in the face of the human rights crisis in Bosnia-Herzegovina. The United Nations itself was born out of the last great genocide in Europe -- the Holocaust of World War II. What we are seeing in Bosnia now is an all too poignant reminder of the inability of the United Nations to stop genocide when an aggressor has set its sights on committing it.

Lest we not think that only European genocide is worthy of attention, consider the bloodshed of Pol Pot's Cambodia, Idi Amin's Uganda and, yes, Saddam Hussein's Iraq. While we are counting up failures, don't forget the international community's failure to address the problems of racism in the Americas, the child sex trade in Thailand, dowry killings and infanticide in Asia, and female genital mutilation throughout Africa.

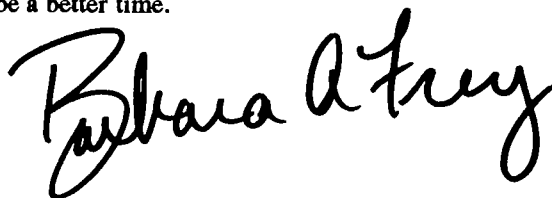
There could not be a worse time for the U.N. to have to look itself in the mirror of past setbacks and ask whether the world is better off today than in 1948 when the General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

For the same reasons, there could not be a better time.

Human rights have, if anything, gained an urgency in public opinion since the U.N.'s founding. While procedures and standards for addressing violations have developed relatively slowly over the past forty-five years, there is great pressure to make the U.N. more responsive to the real needs of human rights victims.

There will be no one at the World Conference suggesting sitting on our haunches for a rest after a job well done. While there have been veiled threats by some countries about rolling back the scope of the U.N.'s human rights initiatives, it seems certain that the overwhelming sentiment will be that we are yet not doing enough.

The slogan for the conference is, "Know your rights, demand your rights, defend your rights." There could never be a better time.



# Calendar

**Thursday, June 3:** Ninth Annual Human Rights Awards Dinner, Minneapolis, MN.

**June 4:** Tiananmen Square Memorial Service at 7:30 p.m. with chorus, video and slide shows and candlelight vigil. Earle Brown Center, St. Paul Campus of University of Minnesota. Call 612-625-0226 for more information.

**June 4-20:** Journey of Hope, a two week tour of Midwestern cities sponsored by Murder Victims Families for Reconciliation. For more information contact Journey of Hope, P.O. Box 600, Liberty Mills, IN 46946, (219)982-7751.

**June 11:** Mission Committee meeting, 8:00 a.m. at Opperman, Heins & Paquin.

**June 13:** Seminar by Zhang Weiguo, former journalist of World Economic Herald, imprisoned for two years after Tiananmen Square Massacre. 7:30 p.m. at the St. Paul Student Center Theater, University of Minnesota St. Paul Campus, call 612-625-0226 for more information.

**June 16:** Minnesota Advocates Board of Directors meeting, 7:30 a.m. at the Minnesota Bar Center, lower level.

**June 20:** Panel Discussion on the Democratic Future of China. Invited scholars and legislators from mainland china, Taiwan and Hong Kong. 7:30 p.m. at Coffman Union Student Center, Minneapolis Campus of the University of Minnesota. Call 612-625-0226 for more information.

**June 20-24:** "Questions of Justice: Teaching For and About Human Rights," part of the Summer Institute for Teachers at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis campus. For more information call Rob Thompson at 612-642-4860.

**Monday, June 21:** Refugee and Asylum Training Seminar featuring Deborah Anker, Director of Immigration Programs at Harvard Law School and Scott Busby, UNHCR Legal Office. See page 5 for Seminar schedule and registration form.

## Volunteer Opportunities

**Human Rights Education Project:** Teach human rights to primary and secondary students (Brad Lehrman, 612-885-0379);

**Women's Rights:** Treatment of Filipina foreign workers, domestic violence in Romania (Cheryl Thomas, 612-341-3302);

**Death Penalty Defense Project:** Assist with research and writing on appeals of death row inmates in Louisiana and Texas (Eric Rosenthal, 612-341-3302);

**Letter Writing:** Assist in preparing letters of appeal on behalf of human rights victims for signature of state and local bar associations (Barb Frey, 612-341-3302);

**Somalia:** Seeking persons interested in forming a group to work on issues related to the judicial system and/or women's issues in Somalia, (Nancy Arnison, 612-341-3302);

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**War Crimes:** Lawyers, paralegals, and legal librarians are needed to help gather and analyze information for potential war crimes prosecution. (Elizabeth Bruch or Jim Coy, 612-341-3302).

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