

THE MARITIME LAW ASSOCIATION
OF THE UNITED STATES

IMPORTANT NOTICE

**27TH CONFERENCE OF THE
COMITÉ MARITIME INTERNATIONAL**

The program for the 27th Conference of the Comité Maritime International, to be held at New York September 12-18, 1965, has now been arranged, except that the place where the opening ceremonies will be held on Sunday afternoon, September 12, has not been finally settled.

The business sessions will be held in the Meeting Room of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, 42 West 44th Street, on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, September 13, 14, 16 and 17. If required, there will also be a session on Saturday morning, September 18. The principal topic to be discussed will be the proposed Convention on Maritime Liens and Mortgages.

Under the Constitution of the C.M.I., each national Association is limited to 14 delegates in addition to those of its members who are titulary members of the C.M.I. Even if our titulary membership in the C.M.I. were increased to 13 (the maximum number possible), our Association could not be represented at the Conference by more than 27 delegates. The capacity of the Meeting Room of the Bar Association is limited, but it is hoped that each of our members who is interested in the work of the Conference will be able to attend at least some of the business sessions as an observer.

The Mayor of the City of New York is extending invitations to the delegates and their wives to a Reception and Cocktail Party at Gracie Mansion following the opening ceremonies, and the Canadian Maritime Law Association is extending similar invitations to a Reception and Cocktail Party at the Canadian Club on Monday evening, September 13. Because of space limitations, these invitations must necessarily be limited to the official delegates and their wives and to those actively concerned with the running of the Conference. However, every effort will be made to accommodate all of our members, and wives of members, who wish to attend the opening ceremonies and the remaining mixed social activities. It is

hoped that wives of members attending the Conference as observers can be accommodated at two of the ladies' events. However, problems of space and logistics make it necessary to limit participation in the others, which include visits to the City's art museums and a luncheon and fashion show, to Ladies' Committee members and wives of delegates.

The social activities arranged by the Planning Committee will include the following:

Tuesday evening, September 14, will be "Friendship Night", when the visiting delegates and their wives will be entertained at the homes of members of our Association living in the New York area. It is hoped that a substantial number of our own out-of-town members and their wives can be included in "Friendship Night" invitations.

Wednesday, September 15, will be devoted to a Hudson River excursion. Buses will take the delegates and their wives to Sterling Forest Gardens (near Tuxedo, N. Y.), where luncheon will be provided. The buses will then proceed to West Point, where the party will board the Hudson River Day Liner "Alexander Hamilton" for the return trip to New York.

On Thursday evening, September 16, there will be a theatre party at the New York State Theatre, Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, where a revival of the Rogers and Hammerstein musical, "Carousel", will be given. The performance will be followed by a "Champagne Supper" in the Promenade of the New York State Theatre.

A Reception and Dinner Dance in honor of the delegates will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria on Friday evening, September 17.

On Saturday afternoon, September 18, the delegates and their wives will be taken by air-conditioned chartered buses to Washington, where they will be lodged at the Shoreham and Sheraton Park Hotels that night and Sunday night, September 19. Most of Sunday and Monday morning will be devoted to sightseeing. The buses will leave for New York early Monday afternoon, September 20.

The ladies' program will include a cruise around Manhattan on a chartered Circle Line boat on Monday morning, September 13, dur-

ing which a box lunch will be served. Also included will be a luncheon at the Delegates' Dining Room of the United Nations and a guided tour of the United Nations buildings, on Friday, September 17.

Each member who wishes to participate in the Conference is urged to complete the enclosed Registration Form and return it to Mr. George Goodfellow, Secretary of the Planning Committee, P. O. Box 201, Brielle, New Jersey 08730, as soon as possible, and in any event **not later than May 28.**

The Committee has purchased 400 tickets for "Carousel", and has an option, expiring June 1, for the purchase of an additional quantity up to 400. It will therefore be necessary for each member who wishes to attend the performance to complete and return the enclosed "Carousel" Application Form, and a check for the cost of his ticket or tickets, to Mr. Goodfellow, **with his Registration Form, i.e., by May 28,** so that the additional tickets required may be purchased before the option expires.

The enclosed Application Forms for the *other* events must be completed and returned to Mr. Goodfellow, with a check to cover the cost, in time to reach him **not later than July 31.** Tickets for the various activities will be mailed as soon as possible after that date.

It must be stressed that the demand for some events may overtax the available facilities. If this should occur, the Planning Committee will be obliged to use its best judgment in allotting reservations. **No requests for reservations can be considered except those indicated in Registration Forms received by May 28.** No charge will be made if reservations so made are canceled by July 31, except that purchases of tickets for "Carousel" will be final.

The indicated charges reflect the approximate extra expense to the Association for each additional person attending the respective functions, and do not include any part of the cost of entertaining our foreign visitors, which will be met by contributions to the Comité Fund. All of our members, whether attending as officers, official delegates, committee members or observers, will be charged for all activities in which they participate. The charges indicated in the application forms include transportation, luncheon, cocktails, and

admission to Sterling Forest Gardens on the Hudson River excursion; Champagne and gratuities at the Lincoln Center Supper; cocktails, wine and gratuities at the Waldorf-Astoria Dinner-Dance, and transportation, hotel room, meals, sightseeing and gratuities on the Washington trip.

A large block of rooms has been reserved at the Commodore Hotel, which is offering a special rate of \$13.50 and up for single rooms and \$19.00 for doubles. Smaller blocks have been reserved at the Waldorf-Astoria, the Plaza and the Berkshire. The Waldorf-Astoria is charging \$15 to \$27 for singles and \$20 to \$33 for doubles; the Plaza, \$21 and up for singles and \$25 for doubles, and the Berkshire, \$15 to \$19 for singles and \$21 to \$25 for doubles. Any member wishing to stay at any of these hotels should write directly to the hotel for reservations, but should state that he is a member of the Maritime Law Association; that he will be attending the C.M.I. Conference, and that he wishes to reserve one of the rooms set aside for the delegates and observers. It is not expected that the demand for rooms will exceed the numbers reserved, but if it does, priority will of course be given to the foreign delegates.

Many of our members have generously contributed to the Comité Fund, but there are some who have not as yet done so. Those who have not already contributed are urged to send their contributions to the Treasurer with their checks for annual dues, or with their Registration Forms.

May 4, 1965.

JAMES J. HIGGINS,
Secretary.