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**International Bibliographical and Similar Services  
for Criminology**

The impressive article entitled "Bibliographical Services in Criminology," on later pages of this number, will attract the attention of many of our readers. It represents a portion of the work of a committee consisting of Fred E. Inbau, Joseph Nicol, Kurt Schwerin and Robert H. Gault, members of our Editorial Staff.

The problem of the international exchange of information on all aspects of Criminology in the form of bibliographies, abstracts or digests and critical reviews has already a history of several years. In 1940 and 1941 the Editor of this JOURNAL designed a Plan for Inter-American exchange in collaboration with Hector Beeche, Editor of the Review of Juridical and Social Sciences in Costa Rica, Sebastian Soler, Professor of Criminal Law in the University of Rosario (Argentina) and Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals for the Province of Rosario, together with other members of a committee of 38 North and South American Criminologists. The program was sponsored by Northwestern University and was presented to the Co-ordinator of Inter-American Affairs who endorsed it. A few days thereafter the outbreak of war with Japan immediately blocked the execution of the plan. The idea has been kept alive, however, during more recent years. The Inter-American plan of organization and co-operation, with some adaptations, has been taken over by the committee named above with a view to the satisfaction of much wider needs.

President Roscoe Miller of Northwestern University and the Vice President and Dean of Faculties, Payson S. Wild, have studied the outline of our revised program and endorsed it.

We are hopeful of completing arrangements for putting the plan into operation without too much delay.

**ROBERT H. GAULT**