Jurisprudence and Politics

Continuing the regular conference program begun some years ago, the Law School sponsored, during the Spring Quarter, a Conference on Jurisprudence and Politics.

The Morning Session was chaired by Professor Malcolm P. Sharp of the University of Chicago Law School. Richard P. McKeon, Charles F. Grey Distinguished Service Professor, University of Chicago, spoke on “Philosophic Presuppositions and the Relations of Legal Systems.” Professor Myres McDougal of the Yale Law School presented a paper entitled “What Is International Law?” and John Newbold Hazard, Professor of Public Law, Columbia University School of Law, presented “A Comparison of Some Main Concepts of Soviet and Anglo-American Law.”

Max Rheinstein, Max Pam Professor of Comparative Law, University of Chicago Law School, presided over the Luncheon Session. Lon L. Fuller, Professor of Law, Harvard University Law School, discussed “Freedom and State Action.” His paper was commented upon by Frank H. Knight, Morton D. Hull Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus of the University of Chicago; John Jewkes, Professor of Economic Organization, Oxford University, and Visiting Professor, the University of Chicago Law School; and Thomas A. Cowan, Professor of Law, Wayne University, and Visiting Professor of Law, Rutgers University.

In the afternoon those in attendance at the Conference were invited to hear Hans Kelsen, Professor of International Law at the Naval War College, speak on “Democracy and Economics.” This lecture was one of a series presented by Professor Kelsen under the auspices of the Walgreen Foundation.

Karl N. Llewellyn, Professor of Law, University of Chicago Law School, presided over the Dinner Session. “Law as an Influence in Social Policy” was the topic of Scott Buchanan, formerly Dean of St. John’s College. Edward Shils, Professor in the Committee on Social Thought, University of Chicago, presented the concluding address, entitled “Beyond the Law: The Formation of Social Policy.”

The evening session of the Conference on Jurisprudence in the Quadrangle Club.