Conferences and Lectures

The conference and lecture program of the Law School continues to be quite extensive. During the Winter Quarter, the School's Center for Legal Research (New Nations), of which Professor Denis V. Cowen is Director, sponsored a Symposium on Federalism, with special reference to the problems of the emerging nations of Africa. Space does not permit a detailed listing of participants and their affiliations, but it should be mentioned that the Symposium included more than sixty participants from eighteen countries. A book embodying the papers presented and discussion which took place at the Symposium is being edited by Professor Cowen and will be published by the University of Chicago Press early in 1963.

The First C. R. Musser Lecture was given by Willard F. Libby, Professor of Chemistry, University of California at Los Angeles, and former member, U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, delivering the first Musser Lecture, on the subject of “Science in Administration.”

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The opening session of the Fifteenth Annual Federal Tax Conference. Shown speaking is the Honorable Louis F. Oberdorfer, Assistant Attorney General, Tax Division, United States Department of Justice.
A partial view of a session of the Symposium on Federalism held last winter. Professor Denis V. Cowen, second from right in foreground, was in charge of the Symposium.

nia, Los Angeles, on the subject of "Science in Administration." The Musser Lectureship is awarded for a public lecture on some phase of the problems of government, to be given by an experienced citizen who has held public office. Professor Libby is a former member of the Atomic Energy Commission.

During the Spring Quarter, Professor Kenneth Dam chaired a Conference on Criminal Sanctions and Enforcement of Economic Legislation. Participants included Sanford Kadish, Professor of Law, University of Michigan, Harry Ball, sociologist at the University of Wisconsin Law School, Robert Bicks, of Breed, Abbott and Morgan, New York; former U.S. Assistant Attorney General for the Anti-Trust Division, Julian Levi, Executive Director, South East Chicago Commission, Theodore Thau, Director, Export Policy Staff, U.S. Department of Commerce, Manuel F. Cohen, member of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, John Potts Barnes, of Jones, Day, Cockley and Reavis, Washington; former Chief Counsel, U.S. Internal Revenue Service,
Homer H. Clark, Jr., Professor of Law, University of Colorado, Caleb Foote, Professor of Law, University of Pennsylvania, and Professors Francis A. Allen and Walter J. Blum of the Law School.

The Fifteenth Annual Federal Tax Conference of the University of Chicago Law School was held, as usual for three days, in October, 1962. The twenty speakers and panelists included the Honorable Louis F. Oberdorfer, Assistant Attorney General, Tax Division; the Honorable Mortimer Caplin, U.S. Commissioner of Internal Revenue, and the Honorable Crane R. Hauser, Chief Counsel, U.S. Internal Revenue Service, in addition to a distinguished group of tax lawyers and accountants. The Conference was attended by about 500 lawyers, accountants, and corporate executives. Professor Walter J. Blum and Assistant Dean James M. Ratcliffe were the Faculty members in charge.

On November 1, the School sponsored a Conference on the Uniform Commercial Code. The program of the Conference differed from most discussions of the Code to date, in that it substituted for the customary article-by-article approach an attempt to make clear some of the basic problems which arise under all articles of the Code, and to analyze the similarities and differences in the treatment of such problems in the various articles, as well as the reasons for these similarities or differences. The speakers included John G. Fleming, Professor of Law, University of California, Berkeley; Peter F. Coogan, Ropes and Gray, Boston; Alan Farnsworth, Professor of Law, Columbia University; William D. Warren, Professor of Law, University of California, Los Angeles; and Grant Gilmore, William Townsend Professor of Law, Yale University. Soia Mentschikoff, Professor of Law, The University of Chicago Law School, and Associate Chief Reporter, Uniform Commercial Code, presided at all three sessions, introduced the topics and speakers, and moderated the discussion which followed each paper.

On January 9, 1963, the School sponsored a Conference on Church and State, under the direction of Professor Philip B. Kurland. On November 9, 1963, there will be a Conference on Legal History, with Sheldon Tefft, James Parker Hall Professor of Law, in charge.

The Law School Endows the University

Edward H. Levi, JD'35, Professor of Law and Dean of the Law School, has accepted appointment to the newly created position of Provost of the University of Chicago. In this capacity he will serve under the President as senior academic officer of the University. He will remain a teaching member of the Law Faculty and, until his successor is selected, is continuing to serve as Dean of the Law School.


Charles W. Davis, left, Chairman of the Tax Conference Planning Committee, and Frederick R. Shearer, of the Planning Committee, shown during the 15th Annual Federal Tax Conference.

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