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PRICE TEN CENTS

Third Year Class Committee Declares Election Procedure

Class of 1954 elections will be held on Friday, March 19, the Temporary Class Committee has announced. Nominating petitions for seven positions to be filled must be turned in by March 8.

The Committee has adopted almost unchanged the organization introduced by the Class of 1953 Temporary Class Committee. The governing body of the class will be an executive council, partly elected, and partly appointed. The class will also have a secretary, a marshal, and a treasurer, all of whom will be elected.

The class of '54 will choose four members of their executive council. These four, together with the class officers will appoint the three remaining council members. Every three years two council members' terms will expire. The class will elect one new council member and the remaining council members will choose the other. Every ninth year the terms of three members will expire, and the class will elect two out of the three successors.

Publicity

The committee has adopted the 1953 procedure which forbids any publicity for candidates beyond the publicity officially issued by the committee. Candidates will be asked to submit to the committee resumes and three passport photographs for publicity purposes. The resumes are to be submitted with the nominating petition, and the photographs by 5 p. m. on March 10.

The full text of the charter of the class of 1954 is given below. A nominating petition is given on page four.

I. OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED:

A. THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL—four members elected, three appointed. The Executive Council shall represent the class of 1954 and be empowered to act on its behalf. It shall appoint Harvard Law School Alumni Fund Agents for the Class; initiate plans for Class reunions and other functions and appoint appropriate chairman thereof; receive recommendations for alumni activities from the Class; assist the Class officers when called upon, and prompt action by them.

Complex Legal Background

The project is necessary because of the unique conditions in Israel. Israel has no written constitution, for it was thought wise to wait until experience had revealed the direction and form Israeli law should take. The first enactment passed by its Parliament was fundamental law, and serves to illustrate the frame of reference against which Israeli legal problems must be viewed. It read in substance: all law in effect on this date shall continue in force, unless it conflicts with the establishment of this state, or unless it is expressly repealed.

Few cases have arisen under this provision; in practice, little of the chaotic accumulations of Palestinian law have been destroyed. Thus, each religious community remains an autonomous unit

The Council shall consist of seven voting members, plus the Class Secretary, Marshal, and Treasurer, who shall sit without vote, except as indicated below. Original membership shall consist of the Class Officers and four elected Council (See ELECTIONS on page four)

Dean Toepfer Tells About Western Trip

"Job opportunities in law offices on the West coast seem promising and interest in Harvard Law School notably keen in both alumni and undergraduate groups," reports Assistant Dean Louis Toepfer upon his return from a three-and-one-half week trip on the West coast.



Louis A. Toepfer

The multi-purpose journey allowed Dean Toepfer to meet with several alumni groups from the Law School, visit nine undergraduate colleges to discuss Harvard with deans, advisers, and students, and to observe the potentialities for the young lawyer on the West coast.

Meetings were held with the Harvard Law School Alumni Associations in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Portland, and with a similar group in Seattle. "All seemed to approve of the progress and activities of Harvard Law today," claims Dean Toepfer.

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Basketball All-Stars Lose To 'B' School

Superior team play was the difference Tuesday night when the Business School team defeated the Law School All-Stars 53-44.

Except for the sharpshooting of Derek Bok, 3L of Beverly Hills, Calif., and Ron Gagnon, 1L of Saylesville, R. I., who garnered 12 and 11 points respectively, there was little to be said for the Lawyers. The All-Stars indicated early in the games that they would suffer from not having played together as a unit; they repeatedly threw the ball away before getting off a shot at the basket.

Almost Caught Up

Only the fancy jump shooting of Bok and the fine all-around play of Gagnon kept the barristers in the game. In fact, a fourth quarter drive put the All-Stars within two points of a tie, but under

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Dennis Lyons Heads Review Herzstein, Whalen, Elected



Dennis G. Lyons

Dennis G. Lyons, of Passaic, N. J., was elected President of the *Harvard Law Review* Sunday night. He was chosen on the fourth ballot after some 20 hours of the *Review's* complicated electoral procedure.

Other officers for Volume 68 will be Robert E. Herzstein of Denver, and Milves V. Whalen of New York City, Note Editors; John M. Steadman, Honolulu, Treasurer; David L. Ratner, New York City, and Helmut F. Furth, New York City, Article Editors.

Case Editors will be Nathan Newbury III, of Weston, and George J. Gillespie III, New Rochelle, N. Y. Henry J. Steiner, New York City, will be Developments Editor, and Robert H. Cole, Chicago, Book Review Editor.

The President is elected by third-year members of the Association; he then appoints all subordinate officers.

Mr. Lyons graduated from the College of the Holy Cross summa cum laude in 1952. He was first in his class. His undergraduate major was political science and he was a member of AEN, scholastic honorary fraternity in Jesuit colleges. He plans to practice in New York City.

Pincus Chosen To Lead Young Republican Club

At Tuesday's meeting of the Harvard Law School Republicans, officers for 1954-55 were elected. The group chose Edward Pincus, 2L of New York City, as chairman.

Other Officers

Other officers for the coming year include Dana Coggins, 1L of Vineyard Haven, vice-chairman; Edmund Schroeder, 1L of New York City, social chairman; and chairmen-at-large, Roger Moore, 1L from Sherborn, Raymond Reiser, 2L of St. Paul, Minn., and Don Wallace, Jr., 1L of New York City.

At the Tuesday meeting, the Young Republicans also discussed plans for the 1954 elections in Massachusetts.

Forum To Present Leading Journalists In Discussing Power Of The Press

Three prominent journalists will address the Harvard Law School Forum Friday evening Feb. 26, at the New Lecture Hall, on the "Power of the Press" in American society. Moderating the program will be Professor John McNaughton of Harvard Law School.

Victor Lasky will join with W. E. Mullins of the Boston *Herald* and Hal Clancy of the Boston *Traveler* in a discussion of the responsibilities of the press in influencing public opinion, in reporting news, and in exercising its editorial independence. The three newsmen will air their views about frequently repeated charges that the majority of American newspapers are "one party" and fail to provide impartial news coverage to political leaders with whom they disagree. Another topic will be complaints that newspapers give disproportionate emphasis in news columns to sex, violent crime, and other sensational news.

Lasky, co-author of *Seeds of Treason*, an account of the Alger Hiss case and editor of the recently published best seller *American Legion Reader* (reviewed on page one of this issue of the RECORD, began his newspaper career

as a reporter with the Chicago *Sun*. Later Lasky joined the staff of the New York *World-Telegram & Sun* and in 1948 was assigned by the Scripps-Howard newspapers to cover the Hiss trial.

W. E. Mullins is the political editor for the Boston *Herald* and his influential column is widely read in New England. Mullins has written on political affairs for such periodicals as *The Reader's Digest*, and is a featured participant of the TV show "Starring the Editors."

Hal Clancy has been City Editor of the Boston *Traveler* since 1949, and prior to that has had extensive experience as United Press correspondent in Boston. His articles have been published in national magazines, including *Coronet*.

Last Friday's Forum

Professor Charles W. Hendel, in introducing the speakers at the Law School Forum last Friday evening, commended the Forum for its pioneer efforts in providing a platform wherein members of the positivist and existentialist

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Right Wing Anthology Suggests Trend Is Toward A 'Sensible Reorientation'

The American Legion Reader. Edited by Victor Lasky. Hawthorn Books, 1953. 499 pp. \$4.95.

The American Legion Reader, compiled by Victor Lasky, is a collection of articles which have appeared over the past few years in the *American Legion Magazine*. The blurb on the book jacket terms it "All-American Reading for All-Americans," and chauvinism remains the theme throughout. The Legion's avowed constitutional purpose is to "foster and perpetuate a one hundred per cent Americanism," and the writers offering fare herein stray not far from this goal. The list of contributors ranges from Sherman Billingsley to General Douglas MacArthur; even Albert Payson Terhune offers a piece likening dog nature to human nature. The list of topics ranges from *The Communist Problem*, to *Adventure*, to *How to Live*.

Impartiality is not a virtue of the collection. The taint, the slant, the thought line ever creep through. As it must be in a volume of this sort, this is but a generalization for there do appear, bounded by "Americanisms," many articles well-written and informative. Among such is a piece written by Mr. Lasky himself, entitled *Whose Little Man?*, an account of the political deviations of one Charles Chaplin. Lasky presents a concise, factually accurate, and readable discussion of Chaplin's political machinations. Objective reporting makes for the story's effectiveness. Too many co-contributors, however, jumble passion with fact, tending to produce a chauvinistic volume glorifying all

associated with "The American Way" without question. Should the articles be intended as propaganda pieces, in my mind this unquestioning attitude distracts from their potential effects upon an intelligent populace.

To one raised in a generation where it was the literary vogue to dismiss all that was sterile and decadent with the stigma of "Americanism," and to one heretofore relatively unfamiliar with the Legion publications, the book proved quite interesting. It is not that it contains any intrinsic literary merit, but this collection does provoke thought. It represents a complete reversal from the domestic literary gloom of the thirties. Certainly, in the face of the current international dichotomy, a reorientation is called for, and there is a need for casting off the prevailing intellectual disdain toward patriotism. The cry for moderation, however, should not go unheeded.

The lead piece in *The American Legion Reader* is an essay by Eugene Lyons, entitled *Speak UP For America*. Its theme is expressed in italics: *Too many Americans are spending too much time telling the world what's wrong with America. It's time Americans speak up for America.* This is, in effect, the theme of the book, but coming, as its contributors suggest we do, from the left, we should not permit an over-all swing to the right. There is talk of hysteria, totalitarianism, autocracy, and a destruction of the libertarian base of our country. Such fears are warranted, and if

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'Reserve Judgment On NLRB'—Herzog

Paul Herzog, former Chairman of the National Labor Relations Board, urged his Coffee Hour audience Tuesday to suspend judgment on the activities of the present Board. He said that changing times and new membership on the Board may indicate that the pendulum may swing the other way for awhile, but that this "doesn't disturb me at all."

Herzog noted three major issues before the Board. The first involves the area of the Board's jurisdiction and he expressed approval of the present Board's indication to limit it. Second, the Board faces the knotty problem of selecting the bargaining representative in cases where craft unions are seeking to be carved out of existing industrial unions. The other major issue which Herzog discussed involved the "free speech" problem. He admitted that earlier Board decisions went too far in limiting employer expression, but he expressed doubt that the Board should expand the doctrine of employer "free speech" to include the interrogation of employees by employer in matters of organization.

Ask 'Tolerance'

In asking that the Board be viewed with "tolerance, understanding and sympathy," Mr. Herzog reminded the audience that its workload is virtually staggering. The Board handles almost 15,000 cases a year, 200 a month. Under such conditions, it is remarkable that the number of correct decisions made is as high as it is.

YOUNG DEMOCRATS

Foster Furcolo, Massachusetts State Treasurer and candidate for the United States Senate will address a meeting of the Harvard Law School Young Democrats in Holmes Hall Thursday, February 25 at 4:30 p.m.

Davieson v. Trapp, 66 So. 2d 804. (Supreme Court of Louisiana, July 3, 1953).

LAST CLASS

Alumni Notes

LL.B. '20—Joseph D. Peeler's firm has changed its name from Wright, Peeler & Garrett to Musick, Peeler & Garrett.

LL.B. '39—James E. Ludlam has become a member of the firm of Musick, Peeler & Garrett in Los Angeles.

LL.B. '43('48)—John O. Platt Jr. and Lawrence MacElree have formed a partnership for the general practice of the law under the name of MacElree and Platt in West Chester, Penn.

LL.B. '49—Philip A. Brancucci, James R. Nolen and William E. Nolen have formed a partnership for the general practice of law under the firm name of Nolen, Brancucci & Nolen in Boston.

LL.B. '50—David Alter has entered the new firm of Squadron & Alter in New York City. Alter was formerly associated with Simons & Hardy and specializes in tax planning and litigation.

LL.B. '51—G. Vernon Leopold has opened offices for the general practice of law in Detroit. Leopold was formerly associated with the Corporate Legal Department of the Bulldog Electric Products Company.

LL.B. '51—Howard T. Rosen has been appointed a part-time lecturer at the Rutgers University School of Law. Rosen is engaged in the general practice of law in Newark.

LL.B. '53—Franklin Goldstein, a former editor of the *Harvard Law Review*, is now associated with the firm of Wolf, Block, Schorr and Solis-Cohen.

LL.B. '53—Jerome Tartasky has changed his name to Jerome Talbert.

LINCOLN'S INN

On Thursday afternoon, Feb. 4, the Lincoln's Inn Society held its annual elections and chose Harry Heher, Jr., 2L of Trenton, N. J., as president for 1954-55.

Other officers elected for the next academic year include: Edmond J. Sikorovsky, 2L from Scarsdale, N. Y., vice-president; Nathan Hale, 2L of East Greenwich, R. I., secretary; and John H. Melcher, Jr., 2L, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, treasurer.

Board of Governors

The Society chose the following men to serve on the Board of Governors: Bradford P. Colcord, 2L of Cambridge; Michael J. Egan, 2L of Savannah, Ga.; Prosser Gifford, 1L from Cambridge; Eugene M. Haring, 1L, Cambridge; William R. McKim, 2L of Pittsburgh, Pa.; and Donald Scott, 1L, Cambridge.

PBH ELECTIONS

The Law School Committee of Phillips Brooks House elected four new officers last week. The previous chairman of the group had previously resigned, and the committee had voted to reduce the officers' tenure from one year to one semester.

The new officers are: chairman, Irving Paul; vice-chairman Martin Bressler; treasurer, Greta Warstell; and secretary William L. Boyan.

ISRAEL—(Continued)

migrants from widely flung nations; many of these people are schooled in divergent legal traditions. The result has been confusion. The political state—the only common denominator for the complex of religions, nationalities, and institutions existing in the land—is seeking to reduce this chaos to order. Comprehensive codes, compiled from the laws of all nations, are to replace the anachronisms accumulated over the centuries. Only the applicable and useful local law will be preserved. But this process is extremely difficult, and must be done slowly and painstakingly.

Two Years Old

Two years ago, the Law School set up a project under Joseph Laufer to help Israel draft this new system of law. The project affords Harvard an excellent opportunity to do research in the field of comparative law, while at the same time it places the extensive facilities of the Law School at the disposal of the Israeli Ministry of Justice. The enormous Law School library, stocked with books which cover the written Law of all nations, provides a storehouse of information. Also, the University was selected because outstanding scholars on many legal fields are readily available. Israeli legislation on which advice is sought, or requests for tentative bills are sent to the project by the Attorney General of Israel. The material is translated, studied, and forwarded to a network of law professors, judges, and members of the United States Bar. Their comments and suggestions are compiled, and a revised draft is returned to the Ministry of Justice where it is given additional consideration. This network of advisers is an informal, voluntary system and includes scholars from many other universities. The two greatest contributions by this service have been a probate code, which was adopted, and an evidence code, which is being considered.

Israeli Magistrates

Joseph Laufer, director of the project, is conversant with American and Continental Law, having gone to law school in both Europe and the United States. He was drawn for this work from the Alien Property Division of our Department of Justice, where he dealt exclusively with foreign law. Furthermore, he is fluent in a half-dozen languages. Moreover, Mr. Laufer has spent several years in Israel and is familiar with its legal problems as well as with the leaders of the Israeli Bar. In addition to those who furnish advisory opinions on drafts sent them, Mr. Laufer is assisted by two Israeli magistrates. Each year the Ministry of Justice selects two judges and sends them to the United States. Here they attend classes at the Law School, and aid Mr. Laufer by keeping him in touch with the latest developments in Israeli law.

The Harvard Law School-Israel Cooperative Research for Israel's Legal Development is financed in a unique manner. The physical facilities and the office overhead are met by the Law School. The travel expenses of the Israeli magistrates are furnished by the Ministry of Justice. Also, Director Laufer spends a month each year in Israel to keep abreast of any changes, and this cost is met by the Ministry.

BASKETBALL—(Continued)

the two-minute foul rule, the Business School team converted repeated fouls by the All-Stars and pulled away in the few minutes.

Jim Gabler, 3L of New York City, and Gagnon were able to hold the highly touted Al Stein, 2B, former Columbia great, to a mere five points, but a well-balanced attack by his teammates more than took up the slack.

The summaries for the low team follow:

NAME	G	F	T
Bok	5	2	12
Bradshaw	0	1	1
Donovan	0	0	0
Gabler	0	1	1
Gagnon	4	3	11
Larkin	1	0	2
O'Connor	1	1	3
Ciaccio	0	1	1
Procter	1	2	4
Parker	1	0	2
Pastolove	1	2	4
Ross	1	1	3
Urdan	0	0	0

PBH Standings

PBH BASKETBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS

As of Feb. 21, 1954

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
Spartans	5	0	0	1.000
Independents	4	0	1	1.000
Chancery Blue	3	1	0	.750
Chancery Red	3	1	1	.750
Dane Hall	2	4	0	.333
Crusaders	1	3	0	.250
Clowns	0	4	0	.000
Douglas C.	0	5	0	.000

Equity League

Team	W	L	Pct.
Subpoenas	5	0	1.000
Big Ten	5	1	.833
Old Grads	5	1	.833
Tortious Ten	5	1	.833
Chancery Gold	2	3	.400
Soldiers	2	4	.333
Bombers	1	5	.167
Chancery Green	0	4	.000
Nonames	0	6	.000

Last Week's Results

Independents, 35	Crusaders, 27
Chancery Red, 76	Douglas, 58
Spartans, 75	Dane Hall, 35
Chancery Blue, 69	Clowns, 30
Soldiers, 36	Bombers, 32
Big Ten, 49	Nonames, 22
Tortious Ten, 39	Chancery Green, 34
Subpoenas, 37	Bombers, 20

Individual Scoring

Player	G	F	T	TP	Ave.
Bok, Chan. Blue	4	34	12	80	20.00
Labe, Spart.	4	23	6	52	13.00
Ciaccio, Spart.	5	27	8	62	12.40
Donovan, Doug.	5	26	7	59	11.80
Ross, Chan. Red	5	28	3	59	11.80
Parker, Chan. Red	5	25	8	58	11.60
Procter, Indep.	5	23	12	58	11.60
Pastolove, Indep.	4	22	2	46	11.50
Urdan, Spart.	5	26	5	57	11.40
Anderson, Chan. Blue	3	14	4	32	10.67
Gabler, Chan. Blue	4	17	6	40	10.00
Schiff, Dane Hall	2	10	0	20	10.00
Cole, Nonames	6	51	14	116	19.33
Harris, Sold.	4	33	4	70	17.50
Smith, OG	5	38	7	83	16.60
Corderman, TT	6	39	13	91	15.16
Osno, Sold.	3	18	6	42	14.00
Goldstone, Bomb.	5	24	19	67	13.40
McWhirter, BT	6	31	7	69	11.50
Zubay, OG	5	23	8	54	10.80

Since Israel is a nation with a dollar shortage, and since the remaining expenses such as salaries are incurred in the United States, the remaining funds must be raised through private subscriptions in this country. This uncertain source of income has greatly hampered the project's potential utility. At present, it faces serious financial difficulties. But the work continues, and the project continues to enjoy the enthusiastic support of the Israeli Attorney General. It remains a valuable asset to both the University and to Israel.

NEWS IN BRIEF

DEAN TO SPEAK

Dean Griswold will be the principal speaker at the Harvard Law School luncheon to be held during the Southern Regional Meeting of the American Bar Association in Atlanta, Georgia on March 5.

Arrangements are in charge of William B. Spann, LL.B. '35 and E. Smythe Gambrell, LL.B. '22. Tickets may be procured at the Registration Desk of the ABA at the Atlanta Biltmore Hotel.

'HOW TO GET A JOB'

The Law School Committee of Phillips Brooks House will present an informal symposium on the subject "How to Get a Job," tonight at 7:30 in the Wheeler Room. The speakers will be Assistant Dean Louis A. Toepfer of the Law School, and Mr. L. L. Newby, Jr., Assistant Director of the Office of Student Placement in Harvard College. The discussion will not be confined solely to problems attendant to entry into the legal profession, but will deal with the general problem of getting the job.

BULL AND BEAR CLUB

Mr. Eugene M. Grummer, Manager of the Textiles Fibres Department of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Beane, will speak to an open meeting of the Bull and Bear Club this afternoon at 1:45 in Harkness. Mr. Grummer will discuss "The Commodities Markets"

and will show the Merrill Lynch firm on commodities, "Market Place—U.S.A." He will also distribute copies of the booklet "How to Buy and Sell Commodities" as well as several other pieces of literature on commodities.

LAW WIVES

The Harvard Business Wives have invited the Law Wives to a meeting on March 3 at 8 p. m. at Kresge Hall in the Business School. Mr. McAndrew, former curator of the Museum of Modern Art in New York City and presently a professor at Wellesley College will be the speaker for the evening. His topic will be "Modern Living in the United States."

All those desiring transportation should call Lee Karon at UN 4-2871 or Sue Frantz at AR 5-2382M.

All those planning to attend the Law Wives cocktail party on March 6 are reminded to call Mary Ann Zech at UN 4-4443 and tell her what they are planning to bring.

BRIDGE TONIGHT

The Harvard Law School Bridge Club will hold an individual championship Sunday, Feb. 28, at 7 p. m., in the Wheeler Room of Holmes Hall. An award of two ACBL masterpoints will be given for first place. Entry may be made at the tournament.

The weekly pairs tournament will be held at 7:30 tonight in Holmes Hall.

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ADDRESS Phone

CANDIDATE FOR

NOMINATING SIGNATURES

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| 15. | |

I have read the Rules of Nomination and Rules of Election printed in the Harvard Law School RECORD and on this Nomination Ballot, and agree to their terms; if elected to this office, I will serve.

CANDIDATE'S SIGNATURE

ELECTIONS — (Continued)

Members; these, immediately upon their election, shall appoint three others of the Class of 1954 to the Council; for this purpose only shall the Class officers be entitled to vote, and never thereafter. The seven voting members of the Council shall thereafter divide themselves into three groups, in number; two, two, and three. At the end of three years, the first such group shall resign; the remaining (five) members shall appoint from the Class one replacement, and shall submit to the Class a list of nominees, both of their own choosing and by recommendations received from the Class; the Class will then elect the other replacement. At the third such interval, when three members resign, the remaining (four) members shall again appoint one replacement from the Class, and submit the list, from which the Class, shall elect two replacements, thereby retaining a composition of three appointed and four elected members, plus the non-voting Class Officer-members.

Immediately after formation, and after subsequent elections, the Council shall elect a Chairman from among its voting members.

B. The Class Officers shall consist of a Secretary, Marshal, and Treasurer.

1. THE SECRETARY—shall be the Corresponding Secretary of the Class and to the Executive Council; he shall maintain all Class records and with the assistance of the Harvard Law School Alumni Office, shall prepare means of informing the Class of the affairs of its members, preferably by means of either a five-year directory, or a yearly newsletter of one-fifth of the class; he shall prompt action by the other Class Officers and by the Council.

2. THE MARSHAL—shall represent the Class of 1954 at all University functions and ceremonies where such representation is customary or required, and shall officially preside at Class functions and reunions. He shall be present at Commencement Exercises on June 17, 1954.

3. THE TREASURER—shall be custodian of all Class funds (as distinguished from general School or Alumni Funds) for reunions, scholarships, gifts, etc., and shall be prepared to aid the Harvard Law School Fund Agent for the Class.

D. DISPUTES — matters of dispute shall be settled, in all affairs of these elections, by the Temporary Class Committee.

GEORGE CHIMPLES
DOUGLAS McCORD COCHRAN
JOHN B. CONLAN, JR.
FRANCES P. FRAHER
ROBERT L. FRANTZ
JOHN A. MOORE
CHARLES WEISS

Temporary Class Committee, 1954

Very Rev. James Pike Meets With Students Here On February 27, 28

A leading American theologian who was formerly an attorney for the Securities and Exchange Commission will meet next week with a group of students and faculty from the Law School and lawyers from the community.

The Very Rev. James Pike, Dean of the Episcopal Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City, has accepted an invitation from students here to discuss with them problems of the legal profession and legal issues in the light of the Christian faith.

Pike, whose most recent book is *Beyond Anxiety*, was a practicing attorney for more than 10 years before being ordained, and has been a member of the law faculty at Columbia.

The meeting has been arranged as a conference on Feb. 27 and 28 by students at the Law School who have formed an informal committee on "Christian Vocation and the Legal Profession."

The conference parallels meetings which have been held in the past few years at other United States law schools, including Yale, Pennsylvania, and Columbia, as well as consultations of lawyers which have been convened in Europe by the World Council of Churches.

Students arranging the conference have been assisted by the staff of the Student Christian Movement in New England in completing technical arrangements and in securing the Packard Manse in Stoughton as a meeting place.

Among those instrumental in initiating the discussion are Caesar Espiritu, a graduate student at the law school, William Ellis 3L, Raymond Goehring 1L, and William Stringfellow 1L, who will preside at the conference.

FORUM — (Continued)

schools of philosophy could debate the relative values of their tenets. The topic of the forum was "Ethics for Modern Man," and speakers included Doctor Philipp Frank, Lecturer in Physics and Mathematics at Harvard University, and Professor William Barrett of New York University.

Frank, a member of the original Vienna Circle, expounded the positivist views, that human knowledge is a reflection of scientific achievement, while Barrett stressed that component of knowledge divorced from concrete experience, giving rein to the intuitive ideal. He attacked positivism as amoral and stressed the existentialist virtues of an ethical theory of social conduct. Frank pointed to the dangers of a search for the absolute. An irrational search for intuitive moral guides is perhaps the road to totalitarianism. He said "Morals are not absolute. There may be cases in which even murder may be excused. . . . All the cruelties of the world are based on the ideas of absolute values." Barrett retorted that positivists are the ones who assume ethical absolutes and are instrumental in attempting to develop a certain type of individual who doesn't actually exist. The detailed calculated rational human is an hypothetical being. He remarked that this convening was "a rare occasion in philosophy because each of these schools of thought is usually so convinced of its own truth that it has not bothered with the other."

Professor Hendel, Chairman of the Yale Department of Philosophy, acted as moderator and delivered an extensive introduction outlying the basic conceptions of these contradicting philosophies. Professor Barrett, in addition to his teaching duties, serves as an Associate Editor of *Partisan Review*. Dr. Frank has had a distinguished academic career as physicist and philosopher, having been the successor to Albert Einstein's Chair at the University of Prague.

REVIEW — (Continued)

heeded will insure that the principles of "Americanism" which many wish to foster in us are goals desired by the American people. There is a call for a sensible reorientation. *The American Legion Reader* exposes faults and implies problems. H. W.



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PLACEMENT — (Continued)

Undergraduates are very interested in the Law School as well. "However, distance and high costs of transportation seem to hinder many possibilities," he added. "There was little doubt of the loyalty of Harvard and of the Law School." In fact, Dean Toepfer was invited to take over a Constitutional Law class at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington.

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Job opportunities in the West are quite favorable in law firms. Three different sections offer different types of potential. In the Northwest, lawyers are versatile, keep quite busy, but offer comparatively low earnings to the beginner. However, after some time and a certainty of remaining there, opportunities increase. This is even more true in the San Francisco area, where there is a desire for the lawyer to begin and remain with the same firm throughout. Many firms will not hire a lawyer until he has passed the California Bar exam. This area, however, is prosperous and offers many opportunities.

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