

## AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES LAW SCHOOLS' ASSOCIATION

### *Sixteenth Annual Conference, 1961*

The sixteenth Annual Conference of the Australian Universities Law Schools' Association was held from 14th to 17th August, 1961, at the University of Queensland, Brisbane. The President, Dr. E. I. Sykes, was in the chair, and the conference was attended by 38 members from all the Australian Law Schools, and by Professor J. Northey of the University of Auckland. Visitors who attended the conference were Professor Sharma of Jaipur; Professor H. Groves and Mr. G. Bartholomew of the University of Malaya in Singapore; and Dr. G. Doeker, who was a Visiting Fellow at A.N.U. (Research School).

Professor Stone (Sydney) reported that 755 students were proceeding to the LL.B. degree in that University. It had been firmly decided by the Senate that the maximum intake for law in 1963 should be 350, and that the number should be reduced to 300 in 1964. There had been a considerable growth in the activities of the Society of Legal Philosophy, for which Dr. Tammelo was mainly responsible. Professor Parsons had been appointed Professor of Commercial Law, Dr. Alexandrowicz as Associate Professor of International Legal Organisation, Mr. Hawkins as Senior Lecturer in Criminology, and Mr. Whitmore as a Lecturer.

Professor Cowen (Melbourne) reported that a total of 1,119 students were enrolled for subjects in the faculty of Law, of whom 755 were full-time law students. Melbourne was operating under a quota system. The first year quota was fixed by reference to those taking introduction to Legal Method at 330. The priority was high at Monash University for the establishment of a law Chair. Professor Donovan had resigned and his place had been taken by Professor Ford.

Professor Sawyer (A.N.U. Research School) reported that two new members had joined the staff: Mr. Starke as a permanent member, and Dr. Doeker for two years.

Professor Ford (A.N.U. School of General Studies) reported that there were 75 students, of whom 36 were full-time and 39 were part-time students. Mr. Zimes had been appointed as a Senior Lecturer, and Mr. Hambley as a Lecturer. Dr. Biggs was returning to the United Kingdom.

Professor Dunbar (Tasmania) reported that there were 85 students proceeding to the LL.B. degree, 3 proceeding to the LL.M. degree, and 2 miscellaneous students. Mr. P. Higgins, Mr. M.

Scott and Mr. A. Harari had joined the staff as Senior Lecturers during the year. The site for the new law school building had been fixed.

Professor Beasley (Western Australia) reported that 100 students were proceeding to the LL.B. degree, of whom 94 were full-time. Mr. Davies had joined the staff from Malaya. Two large lecture rooms and an annex to the library had been added in the course of the year.

Dr. O'Connell (Adelaide) reported that there were 188 students, about 90% of whom were full-time. A combined Arts-Law course would be introduced next year. A sum of 55,000 dollars had been given by the Ford Foundation for research in International Law. Dr. Lucke and Mr. Legge had joined the staff this year.

Professor Harrison (Queensland) reported that there were 164 internal degree students, 35 external degree students, and 36 miscellaneous students enrolled for subjects in the faculty of Law. Mr. J. Morris and Mr. B. McPherson had joined the staff. It was expected that the University would take over the instruction and examination of articled clerks next year.

Professor Northey (Auckland) reported that there were approximately 1,100 law students in New Zealand. Professional qualification could be obtained only through the Universities. In Auckland there were 365 internal students proceeding to the degree, one third of whom were full-time, and 35 external students. The law school had now secured its own building.

Forthcoming publications by members of the Association included a book entitled "The Quest for Survival" by Professor Stone; a case book on Torts by Professor Morison, Professor Morris and Mr. Sharwood; a paper-back edition of Professor Sawyer's "Australian Government Today", the second volume of his "Federal Legislative History", and the second edition of "Essays on the Australian Constitution"; a book on the Law of Securities, and a casebook on Private International Law by Dr. Sykes; and a book on Civil Law by Dr. Ryan. Publications by members during the year included a book on "Matrimonial Causes Jurisdiction" by Professor Cowen and Mr. Mendes da Costa; a book on "Hire-Purchase Law" by Mr. Justice Else-Mitchell and Professor Parsons; a book on Agency by Dr. Stoljar; and two books, on "The Law of Strikes", and "The Employer, the Employee, and the Law" by Dr. Sykes.

The members of the Association agreed that the University of Malaya in Singapore should be entitled to join the University Law Teachers Exchange Scheme.

The following papers and topics were discussed at the Conference:—

- (a) Professor Stone presented a paper on Some Social-Psychological Aspects of the Hart-Fuller Controversy as to the Relation of Law and Morals.
- (b) A Discussion was convened by Professor Beasley on Cowen and Mendes da Costa: Matrimonial Causes Jurisdiction.
- (c) A Discussion was convened by Professor Harrison on the Teaching of Legal History.
- (d) Professor Ford presented a paper on Australian Uniform Company Legislation.
- (e) A Discussion was convened by Professor Morison on The Impact of Social Legislation and Insurance on Tort Liability.
- (f) Professor Richardson presented a paper on Control of Monopolies and Restrictive Business Practices in Australia.
- (g) Dr. Ryan presented a paper on Australian State Death Duties.

The following new office Bearers were elected for the forthcoming year:—

President: Professor N. C. H. Dunbar (University of Tasmania)

Vice-President: Professor N. Morris (University of Adelaide)

Executive Member: Mr. A. Turner (University of Melbourne)

Secretary/Treasurer: Mr. P. F. P. Higgins (University of Tasmania)

The next Conference will be held in Tasmania in August, 1962.