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In this issue the *Lawyer* has devoted its articles section to the theme of international law. Quincy Wright, long a noted authority in the field of international relations, begins by calling for a universal international system with its foundations in international law and the political organization of the United Nations. Professor Wright discusses the present balance of power structure and the systems that have been advanced as alternatives to it. After pointing out the deficiencies in each proposed alternative, he then pleads for a world system based on education, an increased commitment to the principles of the United Nations and the maintenance and development of the existing universal legal and political institutions.

As an Associate Justice of the German Federal Constitutional Court, Hans G. Rupp is eminently qualified to comment on the scope and jurisdiction of that Court. In the published version of a lecture previously delivered at Notre Dame, Professor Doctor Rupp has made a dry topic interesting by illustrating different procedural rules and devices through some of the most famous cases decided by the German Federal Constitutional Court in the last decade. The reader will also find interesting the differences and similarities between the high court of Germany and that of the United States.

Finally, Professor Paul D. Bartholomew of the University of Notre Dame traces the history of the judicial system of Ireland from its inception to the present. Professor Bartholomew examines the jurisdiction and procedures of the Irish courts and briefly notes the differences and similarities between the Irish and American judicial systems. Concluding that the similarities outweigh the differences, he observes that this is but another of the ties that bind the Irish and American peoples.

Case books yielded to conversation, champagne and convocation on the weekend of February 7th and 8th as the Notre Dame Law School celebrated its one hundredth birthday. For the many legal educators, alumni and friends who traveled from distant parts of the country to participate in the Centennial celebration, it was a weekend to proudly reminisce about one hundred years of steady growth and contribution to the legal profession. More importantly, it was a weekend to recognize that the hundred years gone by are but the beginnings of this school's continuing commitment to Equal Justice under Law.

A Red Mass, associated with lawyers through centuries of tradition, kicked off the weekend, and guests then retired to the auditorium of the Center for Continuing Education to enjoy Mr. Harris Wofford's talk on the "Moral Basis of Human Rights." This address by the former counsel to the United States Civil Rights Commission was the first of three weekend addresses which com-

prised a Symposium entitled "Human Rights and the Law." In addition to Mr. Wofford's talk, Mayor Joseph Alioto of San Francisco presented a paper on the "Moral Basis of Violence," and Professor Robert Pasley of the Cornell University Law School spoke on the "Moral Basis of Legal Education."

Highlights of the weekend included the unveiling of plans for a new \$6 million Law Center, the retroactive conferral of the degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence on some 1100 past graduates of the Notre Dame Law School, and the conferral of the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, on Joseph O'Meara, former Dean of the Law School, and on Professor Emeritus William Rollison of Birmingham, Alabama. Excellent and enlightening luncheon and dinner addresses on the past, present and future of the Notre Dame Law School were given by Lieutenant Governor Raymond Broderick of Pennsylvania, Father Heshburgh, President of the University of Notre Dame, Dean William B. Lawless of the Law School and Mr. James J. Barba, President of the Student Bar Association. Additionally, Dr. George Keeton, Head of the Department of the Faculty of Laws at University College, University of London, gave a most entertaining and informative talk on the progress of the contingent of Notre Dame law students studying in England this year.

The focal point of the entire celebration was the Convocation Address delivered by Justice William Brennan of the Supreme Court of the United States. In an inspiring talk, Justice Brennan articulately called for all lawyers, particularly those older and established, to respond to a passion for justice, and to subordinate service to personal comforts and desires to service to the needs of our society. The *Lawyer* is proud to announce that Justice Brennan's address and all the other addresses given during the Centennial celebration will appear in a special Centennial issue of the *LAWYER* to be published in the spring. The Centennial issue will provide a fond remembrance for those who enjoyed the weekend and an interesting diary for those who were unable to attend.

The Editors and Staff of the *Lawyer* wish to express their sympathy to Judge Luther M. Swygert of the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals on the recent death of his wife. Long a loved and respected friend of the Notre Dame Law School, Judge Swygert was Managing Editor of Volume 1 of the *Lawyer*. We grieve with him at his loss.