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THE EDITOR'S PAGE

While there has been much to do of late about deprivation, be it real or imaginary, of what may be called the "very personal rights", there has been little discussion of "the lost franchise", save with reference to the south, where the emphasis is on racial discrimination alone. Perhaps this is because loyalty oaths are closer to that which is explosive in the human than the knowledge that his vote in certain elections is almost worthless; perhaps the reason lies in the failure of warlike newspaper editors to take up the cause of the lost voter. Those who don't care, we pass in silence. Those who don't know or want to know more will find this issue's article on the not-so-gentle political art of gerrymandering a refreshing study.

We publish this article with understandable pleasure, since the author, Neil Tabor, is a former Editor of the REVIEW. He graduated with honor from the Law School in 1951, as a member of the Order of the Coif and winner of the Elizabeth Maxwell Carroll Chesnut Prize. The follow-

ing year he held a Fellowship at the Harvard Law School, where in the seminar in Constitutional Litigation under Professor Paul A. Freund he did his initial research on gerrymandering. He received his LL.M. degree from Harvard in 1952. From 1952 into 1955 the Judge Advocate General Corps of the Army kept him busy at the Second Army Headquarters. A member of the Maryland Bar, Mr. Tabor is a member of the staff of the Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Court of Appeals and is associated with the firm of Siskind and Siskind in Baltimore.

With the possible exception of the ill-fated "beer bill", the most celebrated measure before the Maryland General Assembly in its 1956 session was the public utilities "seizure act", forced into existence by the critical Baltimore transit strike. Although the company and the union reached a settlement in time to prevent a judicial determination of the act's constitutionality, we felt that comment on the subject should appear in the REVIEW. This has been provided as our second article by Mr. Bernard J. Seff, of the Baltimore bar, who has combined a very interesting narrative of the events surrounding the act's passage and its invocation by the Governor with a detailed study of the decisions involving the constitutionality of similar and related statutes passed by other state legislatures, with particular attention to the judicial theory of federal pre-emption in the field of labor disputes.

Mr. Seff, who holds B.S. and Jur. Doctor degrees from New York University, was an examiner for the NLRB during the second world war, covering Buffalo, Cleveland, Baltimore, and North Carolina. In 1945, he opened an office in Baltimore as a labor relations consultant to management. He has been a member of the Maryland Bar since 1948, specializing in labor law.

NEWS OF THE LAW SCHOOL

There are 437 students enrolled in the Law School for the school year 1956-57. Of these, 174 are in the Day School with 81 in the entering class; 263 are in the Evening School,

with 97 in the entering class. There are 114 colleges and universities represented in the pre-legal training of the student body.

Mr. John M. Brumbaugh has been appointed Assistant Professor of Law for the current school year. Born in Annapolis and graduated from Swarthmore College (A.B. 1948) and the Harvard Law School (LL.B. 1951), Mr. Brumbaugh, after work in estate planning, taxation, and aviation law with the New York firm of Haight, Gardner, Poor, and Havens, admission to the District of Columbia Bar (1951) and two years in Washington with the Marine Corps, returned to Harvard as a Teaching Fellow for the school year 1955-56. At Maryland, Mr. Brumbaugh will teach the courses in Criminal Law, Agency, Domestic Relations and Evidence.

The series of lectures on medico-legal subjects, initiated in the 1955 Spring Term by Professor L. Whiting Farinholt, Jr., has matured into a two-hour, once a week, seminar. The response of students has been enthusiastic. Assisting Professor Farinholt in the conduct of this seminar is Dr. Russell Fisher, the State's Chief Medical Examiner, Dr. Jacob E. Finesinger, Director of the Psychiatric Institute, University of Maryland Medical School, and Dr. Manfred Guttmacher, Chief Medical Officer, Supreme Bench of Baltimore City.

Professor William P. Cunningham, whose primary teaching is in the fields of Corporations and Taxation, has initiated two new courses, one in Legal Accounting, meeting for two hours a week in the fall semester, and one a seminar in Taxation Problems, meeting two hours a week in the spring semester. The aim of the former is to give the students who have studied accounting in college a refresher course with an emphasis on the legal aspects involved, and to give those who are green an understanding of the basic mechanics and principles of good accounting practice from a lawyer's point of view. The course of study in the tax seminar is partly the result of a questionnaire sent by Professor Cunningham to a dozen practitioners in the Baltimore area to get their views on the types of tax problems

most likely to arise in practice and most important for law students to get familiar with. Mr. Cunningham found the replies very helpful in reducing his list of twenty likely problem areas to the seven which can be handled in a seminar.

The Intramural Moot Court competition, which got its strong start last year under the enthusiastic guidance of Stanley L. Seligman, Class of 1957, has been expanded in the establishment of an administrative body known as the Board of Student Judges, the function of which is to draw up model cases for argument in the Moot Court and to advise competitors from the first year class in the preparation of briefs and presentation of oral arguments. From this body, student associate judges will be drawn (on the basis of academic achievement) to assist members of the Bar and faculty members in the hearing of cases. The opportunity for competition in the Court has been extended from its last year's restriction to the freshman class to include the second year class, and any pair of students may participate in arguing a multi-issue case prepared by Mr. Seligman and the Board.

Thomas N. Evans, Jr., President of the Second Year Day Class, was elected National Second Vice President of the American Law Student Association at the National Convention of that group in Dallas, August, 1956. As such, Mr. Evans has direct responsibility for supervising the vast committee work of the Association.

The Student Bar Association has sponsored the publication of a pamphlet to facilitate student placement. It will contain photographs and biographical material on those senior students who wish to subscribe.

The ALUMNI ASSOCIATION began its Fourth Annual Drive for the Scholarship Fund by letter sent to all alumni on November 21. Seven alumni scholarships were awarded for the current school year, emphasizing the need for and importance of this fund. The annual banquet of the Alumni Association will be held on Saturday evening, March 30, 1957, of which all alumni will receive further notice when plans for the program are completed.