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THE EDITOR'S PAGE

The Review is especially pleased to offer two articles in this issue, respectively from Honorable Roszel C. Thomsen, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Maryland and from Professor Bridgewater M. Arnold, Assistant Dean of the Law School.

Judge Thomsen's article re-examines and evaluates the legal tests for determining criminal insanity, tracing the evolution of the legal concept of insanity from earliest times, through the M'Naghten and Durham rules, down to the definitions proposed by the American Law Institute in its work on a Model Penal Code, and by the Special Committee of the Maryland Legislative Council headed by Doctor Manfred Guttmacher in reporting last year to the Maryland Legislature. Judge Thomsen's thoughtful comments should be interesting and helpful to all who are concerned with this troublesome area of the law.

Professor Arnold's article, examining the Maryland cases dealing with the validity of mortgages of property to be acquired by the mortgagor subsequently to the mortgage, indicates that while this problem was once thought to be fairly well-resolved in Maryland, recent developments in this area suggest that this is not so. The Review welcomes Professor Arnold back to its pages with the belief that this article will join his earlier writings in providing valuable practical assistance to our readers.

Professor Lewis D. Asper, one of our faculty advisors for the last two years, is on leave of absence during the current school year, having accepted a Ford Foundation Grant to do special graduate work at Columbia University Law School. The Review acknowledges Professor Asper's contribution to its success over the last two years and wishes him well during his year of study and research in current methods in legal education.

Professor William P. Cunningham has consented to serve as Assistant Faculty Advisor, during Professor Asper's absence, and will supervise the Recent Decisions section of the Review. He is currently teaching Corporations, Legal Accounting, Taxation, and a Taxation Seminar.

The Review extends its congratulations to its Editorial Secretary, Edwin W. Lowe, Esquire, upon his recent appointment as Clerk to the newly created Maryland Tax Court, and is pleased that he will be able to continue his services to the Review in a part-time capacity. His sure-handed guidance of the styling of the Review, and his insistence on technical accuracy of all citations have spurred student writers toward the excellence of research and legal writing which we hope our law review men attain.

It should be noted that a new group of student editors takes command of the Review with this issue as indicated on the masthead. We are pleased to announce the selections as follows: Editor, Norman E. Burke; Casenote Editor, Robert E. Powell; Recent Decisions Editor, Edward J. Fisher, III; Assistant Editors, Benjamin N. Dorman, Stephen M. Ehudin, Alva P. Weaver, III.

NEWS OF THE LAW SCHOOL

The Faculty welcomes to its ranks Assistant Professor Warren J. Kaps who, during Professor Asper's leave-of-absence, will teach the courses in Contracts, Negotiable Instruments, and Trade Regulation. Professor Kaps received his A.B. in 1951 and his LL.B. in 1954 from Rutgers University and his LL.M. in 1955 from Yale University. Professor Kaps was an Assistant Professor at the University of Arkansas 1955-56, and a faculty member of the JAG School, Charlottesville, Virginia, 1956-58.

The school has also announced recently the appointment as Assistant Librarian of Mr. John O. Dyrud. Mr. Dyrud, a native of Minnesota, was just recently released from his commission as 2d Lieutenant in the United States Army. He received his A.B. in 1957 from the University of Minnesota, and plans to study law concurrently with performing his library duties here.