Introduction: Tenth Anniversary Symposium - A Decade of Developments in Illinois Law 1950-1960

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INTRODUCTION

Coming to the end of the tenth year of its existence, the editors of the De Paul Law Review thought it useful and appropriate to survey the changes in Illinois law during the life of the Review. These ten years of world history have been full of startling changes, many of them unpleasant for the United States and Western culture—Sputnik, Castro, and Vostok, for example. But whether Soviets ride satellites around the globe faster than most of us can commute to and from work, progress or change goes on in the law as well and affects the lives of our people even more directly.

When it was decided about two years before the appearance of the first issue of the De Paul Law Review, that I should train a student editorial staff and initiate the project as Faculty Director, Father Comerford J. O’Malley, C.M., President of De Paul University, graciously assured me of the interest he had in the venture and of his support. Since that time Father O’Malley and his administration have generously and uniformly lent their encouragement and assistance to the Review.

It was our aim to create a Review which would be not only a legal research training device and a sort of showcase for the efforts of our students but a useful service to the legal profession and to legal scholarship. It was also our aim to organize a student Board of Editors which, with its Associate Editors and Staff, would become a functioning, self-perpetuating entity, with a feeling of high morale based on
accomplishment. In this regard I feel we have been quite successful and look back on the student staffs through all the years with deep gratitude and considerable affection. The lawyers, law professors, and others whose contributions have graced these pages are remembered, too, with appreciation.

In presenting this unusual symposium on the development of the law in Illinois during the life of the Review, which comprises the thought and comment of a great number of writers, each one of them distinguished in his field, the student staff has been greatly impressed by the patient, courteous, unselfish way in which these busy men cooperated with them. The present student staff itself has worked with extraordinary enthusiasm and diligence. We trust that this special issue will be of use and interest to its readers.

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