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Against the background of his broad studies and intensely practical experience in the correctional field, Mr. McHugh has developed his contribution to part II of our symposium on punishment with clear insight and impressive wisdom. The symposium is concluded with Mr. Ludwig's demonstration of the distortions which dialectic materialism imposes upon the concept of punishment as a social instrument. He illustrates this demonstration by reference to the treatment Archbishop Stepinac received under the Marxist penal system of Yugoslavia.

Professor Lumb has studied with special thoroughness the developments Suarez effected in the natural law philosophy. His paper is addressed to clarifying an aspect of that philosophy which has been much misunderstood and often misrepresented — the natural law's unchanging form and flexible content.

We are especially happy to offer our readers Father Donohue's study of Vitoria. We have seen nowhere any writing which goes so far as this essay to meet one of the most serious and urgent needs of our time. All the appeals of our late Holy Father for a juridical world order, all the strivings of men of good will to achieve such an order, and all the serious and conscientious doubts which have made good men hesitate to answer the appeals or to join in the striving, cry out for a clear and accurate restatement of the perennial jural philosophy which must guide the development of any rationally valid world rule of law.

As this issue of THE CATHOLIC LAWYER goes to press several changes in its staff are announced. The present Editor returns to the service of the diocese for which he was ordained. Edward T. Fagan, Jr., J.S.D., Director of the St. Thomas More Institute for the past three years and a member of St. John's Law Faculty since 1948, assumes the editorship of this publication. Father John J. Regan, C.M., LL.B., comes to the Institute and THE CATHOLIC LAWYER as a Consultant. Professor Patrick J. Rohan, LL.M., becomes Assistant Director of the St. Thomas More Institute.

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