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LETTERS

BOSTON, MASS.

To the Editor:

In the Winter '60 issue of *THE CATHOLIC LAWYER*, Father Drinan asks "Do not Catholics . . . have the obligation of insisting on . . . the repeal of the Connally Amendment?"

In answer, I would like to point out the following considerations based on the Court's Statute:

To be elected a judge, a candidate must receive a majority vote of both the Assembly and the Council. Mathematically, our voice in elections would be $1/82 \times 1/11$, which would be negligible. We could never have more than one judge on the Court at one time and there are seven iron curtain countries which would be considered as separate nations so far as concerns the eligibility for a judgeship.

There are now two judges from iron curtain countries on the Court as well as three other members from other nations which do not accept the compulsory jurisdiction of the Court. These men would be on the Court which would decide what is or what is not a domestic matter within the jurisdiction of the United States.

Without the Connally Amendment, Article 36-6 would apply and a dispute as to jurisdiction would be settled by the Court. We would be obligated to accept such decision, and there is no appeal.

Nine judges would make a quorum and five could render a decision, and, in the case of the panels or chambers under Article 26, two could constitute a majority.

The Statute provides that representation

of the main forms of civilization and principal legal systems of the world should be assured in the election of judges. Some of the principal legal systems have no idea of natural law and in the Communist philosophy the objectives of the party are paramount.

So far as concerns withdrawal on six months notice, the serving of notice would be an executive act for the President, and it would appear that we would continue to be bound by our adherence until six months after the President took action. During the six month period unfriendly nations could file suits to be determined by judges, some of whose nations would not have accepted the jurisdiction of the Court.

John B. Gest

RUSH CITY, MINN.

To the Editor:

In the Winter '60 issue of *THE CATHOLIC LAWYER* is the symposium on juridical world order.

The article by Father Drinan discussed the Catholic Association for International Peace. I am very interested in world federalism, and thought of joining such an organization, but I did not know that any organization that had any Catholic connection existed. I would like to join the CAIP. Could you please tell me where information on the CAIP can be obtained?

Incidentally, I think *THE CATHOLIC LAWYER* is really an outstanding magazine. It is especially good for a young lawyer like myself, as we are apt to forget the moral consideration involved in the many problems that face us. This is in contrast to the

older attorney who has mellowed with age and doesn't so easily overlook these moral problems.

Thank you for any information you may be able to give me on the CAIP.

James Patrick McGuire

The Secretary of the Catholic Association for International Peace is Miss Eleanor Waters, 1312 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Washington 5, D. C.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

To the Editor:

I wish to acknowledge gratefully the copies of the Winter issue of THE CATHOLIC LAWYER which came to our office.

The symposium of our Conference papers is excellently presented, and we are very happy that these important addresses will reach a wider audience through the appearance in your fine magazine.

Please be assured of our deep appreciation for your interest in our Association and for your cooperation in getting the Conference papers into print.

We have arranged with your printer for 1,000 reprints of the symposium, and we shall probably receive these within the next few weeks.

With renewed thanks and cordial good wishes, I remain

Eleanor Waters
Committee Secretary
Catholic Association for
International Peace

PETERSBURG, VA.

To the Editor:

I should like very much to purchase a complete file of all back issues and to subscribe to the current issues. Please send

me a bill to cover.

Down in the South we Catholic lawyers need some contacts like this in order to keep in touch with Catholic legal thinking. In this area there are only three of us, hence not a sufficient number to conduct group discussions or to take group action. An individual Catholic lawyer in such circumstances must rely upon those contacts which are available to him, and must hunt them himself.

James C. Davie

Copies of all past issues are still available to readers on request.

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

To the Editor:

We should like to compliment you on the very high standard of the magazine as regards both subject matter and format. In every issue there appear matters of great importance and interest.

We hope that THE CATHOLIC LAWYER will continue to flourish and especially that it will exert an ever widening influence in its emphasis on the existence, validity and content of the natural law.

Colreavy, O'Leary & McGinty

LORETTO, COLO.

To the Editor:

Quite by accident I saw your Spring issue of THE CATHOLIC LAWYER and its fine symposium on punishment. One of my friends, who happens to be a lawyer, showed it to me.

The American Congress of Corrections is holding its convention in Denver in August. I am a member of a panel discussing "The Catholic Philosophy of Corrections" and would very much like to see the articles by Mr. Thomas McHugh and Mr. Frederick

Ludwig which will appear in your summer issue.

Robert H. Amundson, Ph.D.
Chairman, Department of Sociology
Loretto Heights College

It is gratifying to note the increasing number of non-lawyer readers of THE CATHOLIC LAWYER.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

To the Editor:

I read with great interest an article entitled "The Trial of Thomas More," by Philip Ingress Bell. The article appears in the June 1960 issue of THE MONTH. In view of the nature of your periodical, I thought perhaps you might consider getting permission to reprint the article so that it might be brought to an American audience.

John Bodner, Jr.

Permission to reprint the article has been requested.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.

To the Editor:

I am gratefully in receipt of the back copies of THE CATHOLIC LAWYER. . . . The past and present issues of this splendid journal embody the wisdom and fruit of

many years experience. I have every confidence that THE CATHOLIC LAWYER will be of invaluable aid to us in the reorganization of our Catholic Lawyers' Guild.

The splendid work which is being carried on in the various Catholic Lawyers' Guilds across the country, and particularly in the East, serve as an encouraging example to us as we enter the process of reorganization here in Kansas City. The advice and guidance which have come to us will be invaluable for the success of these efforts.

Please accept, once again, my sincere thanks for your help and for your offer of future assistance.

Reverend Alfred B. Fellows, J.C.L.
Vice Officialis
Diocese of Kansas City — St. Joseph

WARREN, OHIO

To the Editor:

I would appreciate it very much if you would send me information concerning THE CATHOLIC LAWYER. We are interested in forming a Catholic Lawyers' Guild for Trumbull County, and the magazine could be of great advantage to us.

John A. Leopardi

An information kit for Guild organization is available upon request.



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