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EDITOR'S NOTES . . .

Law Reviews, like all publications, attach labels to the different types of material printed in each issue. The standard categories are articles, comments, casenotes, and book reviews. Each of these categories have tended to become standardized in form and structure. The typical article, for example, is a research oriented exposition of some significant area of the law. The footnote, the mark of intensive research, is ever present. One unfortunate result of this labeling process is a tendency to discard legal writing which does not fit the conventional mold. Another result is a failure to solicit material of a non-conventional character. The editors of the *Washington Law Review* are determined to escape from this classification trap. Beginning with this issue of the *Review* we are adding a new section designed to accommodate the non-typical type of legal writing. Its primary purpose is to serve as a forum for the expression of new ideas. To emphasize this purpose the editors have selected a non-typical word as a title for this section—Lampadephoria. The second edition of Webster's New International Dictionary defines lampadephoria as "a torch race; a lampadedromy." Lampade-

dromy is defined as "a race run in honor of Prometheus, Athene, Hephaestus, etc., by men with lighted torches in their hands, usually on foot. In one form there were lines of runners, and a lighted torch was handed from runner to runner in each line."

The symbol of this new section—the torch—represents to the editors enlightenment and scholarly inquiry of every form; hopefully, it will stimulate an exchange of ideas. One type of article which could suitably appear under the title—lampadephoria—is thought-provoking, non-research oriented essays on varying legal topics—with or without the "ever present footnote." This section could also be utilized by our readers as a vehicle for expressing their ideas. Responses to the positions advocated by authors of articles would be appropriate. Opinions of our readers on the content, scope, and direction of the *Review* would also be considered for publication. The editors of the *Review* actively solicit your contributions; let us hear from you.

In addition to the regular format of leading articles, comments, casenotes and book reviews, the June issue of the *Review* will contain a symposium on the Common Market.

Contributing authors for the symposium will be Mr. Dennis Thompson, Barrister-at-Law, Inner Temple, London, Assistant Director of the British Institute for International and Comparative Law; Mr. Lawrence F. Ebb, former Professor of Law at

Stanford University; Professor Albert H. Garretson, New York University School of Law; and Professor Peter E. Herzog, Syracuse University College of Law. Professor Richard B. Lillich, also of Syracuse, will write a foreword.