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ANNUAL MEETING

Editor's Notes

Owing to the usual limitations of space from which we suffer when attempting to set forth the proceedings of the annual meeting of the Washington State Bar Association, it was necessary to eliminate some reports and speeches altogether. It was also necessary to delete certain portions of others. It can be readily understood that with many important and timely discussions now being had, it is not easy to decide which should be reported and which omitted, and for this reason your editor approaches the function with great temerity.

Two outstanding addresses were given at the meeting, one by Tracy Griffin and one by Frank Holman. Inasmuch as the inclusion of both would have left no room for other material, one necessarily had to be omitted. Mr. Holman's speech on "International Proposals Affecting Human Rights" has previously been published in its entirety in the *American Bar Journal* and is available from that source. This speech, as well as Mr. William McLaren's excellent introduction of the speaker, are not being reproduced herein.

A report of the Committee on Inheritance was delivered by Mr. Wallace W Mount. A proposal was made by Mr. Elias Wright for the appointment of a committee to prepare uniform instructions to juries. After some discussion, this motion was carried and it was voted to appoint such a committee. Subsequent to the report of the Legislative Committee on the Spence Bill and others, there was extensive and heated discussion from the floor relative to the action which should be taken thereon. Excellent as the discussion was, there is unfortunately no space available wherein it may be reported.

There was extensive discussion on all of the phases of the proposed

revision of the Code, which revision has been in progress now for several years. It was called to the attention of the meeting that approximately \$145,000 had been spent by the state on this project to date. The opinion was voiced by Mr. Alfred Schweppe that the present draft was so infested with error that its complete abandonment would be cheaper than an attempt to cure it of its infirmities. Senator Westberg and others indicated that the Legislature was still hard at work in an attempt to bring this project to a successful completion, and that the Bar should work with the appropriate legislative committee in an attempt to arrive at a proper decision as to what should be done. Senator Westberg further voiced the opinion that if the project were as hopeless as is indicated by several of the speakers, that upon a showing being made, the Legislature would presumably come to the same opinion and be inclined to give the job to a law book publisher for completion. It was finally voted to appoint a committee to consider the matter and work with the appropriate legislative committee.

The meeting was also addressed by the Attorney General of Alaska, who spoke in favor of granting statehood to that territory

A motion to appoint one or more executive assistants to supervise and manage the Washington State Bar Association under the direction of the Board of Governors failed for want of a second.

A report on the unauthorized practice of law by the militant chairman of the committee is included herein. This report was not given at the State Bar meeting, but it is felt that due to certain proceedings which are about to be taken to curb unauthorized practice, that it should be given publicity at this time.

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ADDRESS OF WELCOME

BY JOHN RUPP

Ladies and gentlemen, it is my special privilege this morning to make you welcome here, to the city of Seattle, and to this University of Washington on whose campus we are met. It is perhaps, I should say, somewhat superfluous to do this since I am sure all of you know that you are always very welcome here. I want, however, to affirm and to fortify your knowledge in that respect.

I was mildly concerned at the outset over what one ought to say in an address of welcome, so I turned to the precedents and went back to the old report of the annual meetings of this Association. Of course I found nothing there of any particular aid to me here, but I did discover a number of points that I thought might afford you some mild entertainment.