Speaking before the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives, Prof. Paul Kauper voiced opposition to proposed constitutional amendments dealing with prayer and Bible-reading in public schools. Kauper warned that "when supported by the compulsory power of the state, contribute little to the development of any genuine religious piety or ethical conduct and may, indeed, have the effect of cheapening and degrading religion. The vitality of religion," he said, depends on free and voluntary adherence to religious belief and practice. It cannot be made to depend for its support upon the use of the state's coercive power."

In his testimony on the proposed "Becker amendment," Kauper told the committee that the effect of the amendment would be to remove any constitutional limitations on prayers and Bible-reading exercises in public schools. He noted that the amendment would override recent Supreme Court decisions. While not in complete agreement with the Court's decisions, Kauper pointed out that the Court has not outlawed all prayer or the study of the Bible in public schools.

He later stated however, "To subject school children to these exercises, even though there is a privilege of non-participation, does operate with some implied coercive force to induce participation. To this extent it does impinge upon religious liberty."

Kauper warned that under the proposed amendment, local school authorities would be given "discretionary authority" to determine which version and what parts of the Bible would be used for reading in the schools. Thus the amendment, whether this is the intent of its proposers or not could serve to "sanction sectarian indoctrination. I fail to see that religious exercises prescribed by governmental authority for school children are essential to the freedom to pray and read the Bible."

Instead he urged that parents, churches and school authorities "direct their efforts to programs for meaningful study of religion and of the Bible in the public schools and to the formulation of types of programs which coordinate the secular educational programs of the public schools with the programs of strictly religious nature conducted by the churches themselves." To do otherwise, he stated, would "invite the intrusion of sectarian influences into the public school system, impinge upon freedom of conscience and belief, and (provide) a potential source of religious divisiveness in the community.

"The proposed amendment would represent only a piecemeal process of dealing with religious practices in public schools and in public life, would open up new problems of interpretation, (and) would be a use of the amendment process not to state general and fundamental principles but to sanction certain specific and detailed practices. I question the wisdom of using the amendment process in this way."

**YNTEMA HONORED BY GREECE:**

The government of Greece has honored Professor Emeritus Hessel E. Yntema for his contributions to international legal studies. In ceremonies held this summer in Luxembourg, Yntema received the decoration of Officer of the Order of George I. He was in Luxembourg at the International University of Comparative Sciences, established six years ago to develop interest in the humanistic sciences. He is president of the University's International Faculty of Comparative Law, and represents this country on the University Council.

Yntema is also a Commander of Luxembourg's Grand Ducal order of the Oak Leaf, editor of the American Journal of Comparative Law, vice president of the International Academy of Comparative Law and vice president of the International Association of Legal Science.

**FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN TO BEGIN SOON:**

The Law School is in the midst of final preparations for its fourth annual fund raising campaign. Under the guidance of Dean Proffitt and supervised by Miss Betty Ostrander, over 300 local solicitors have set their goal at topping last year's campaign which provided the school with $128,000, from 2510 contributors.
The proceeds of this campaign are used to finance a variety of measures within the law school. Last year's funds were used to increase student financial aid, enlarge the school's borrowing capacity, increase the Campbell Competition endowment, provide the Practice Court with a tape recording system, finance the construction of new carrels for the Law Review staff, enlarge the library's book collection and support student activities and a host of other matters.

This year, the funds will be used primarily to further expand student financial aids; add more books to the library; subsidize visiting professorships, research and graduate study and aid a variety of special activities.

**FACULTY ACTIVITIES:**

Our spies in Hutchins Hall bring us much news of faculty doings. Professor Julin (The Ed Sullivan of the Legal World) did two shows for the U. of M. T.V. In the series, "The American Negro," he discussed the topic "Is Justice Color Blind?" with Judge Wade H. McCree. With Professor Estep, the topic was "Eavesdropping on Ideas," in the series, "Understanding our World." Professor Julin also lectured the National Trust School of American Bankers Association on the topic of "Property Concepts as Related to the Law of Trusts."

Professor Polasky also lectured the Bankers Association meeting. His topic was estate planning. At a meeting of the Pennsylvania State Bar, Polasky talked on marital deductions....Dr. Watson gave a number of speeches early in the summer. The topics of these speeches were "Criminal Responsibility," "Medical Responsibility in Outpatient Psychiatric Clinics," "Forensic Psychiatry" and "Traumatic Neurosis."

**A FURTIVE PLEA:**

We are informed that the enrollment of the Law School stands at approximately 1050, a significant increase over last year. At the same time, there are close to 390 students classified as freshmen, as compared with slightly under 370 last year. With a student body of this size, the Res Gestae feels confident that there is at least one young artist with the courage to come forward and volunteer to draw cartoons for the paper. No experience is necessary. All you need is active (and perhaps slightly sick) sense of humor. This is your chance to become a part of a tremendously popular (our current circulation is now greater than the combined circulation of the Detroit News and Detroit Free Press) newspaper.

**FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Following the Res Gestae article on the pricing of Tax I-A textbooks, the Board of Directors with full cooperation from the manager of the bookstore, is requesting that all students who purchased Tax I-A books (Bitker, 2nd Ed.) at more than $4 see Lou Potter (Room P-15, 6-8965).

Each student bringing the textbook, and if possible the receipt, is entitled to the following option which must be exercised by September 15:

(a) A rebate of any amount paid for the text in excess of $4; or

(b) A refund of the purchase price in exchange for the book.

This situation arose because of a decision by Overbeck's Bookstore to lower the price of the text. As soon as our bookstore discovered that Overbeck's had lowered the price, it followed suit. A number of students had purchased the book from the bookstore, and have paid an amount greater than they would have had to pay at Overbeck's. From time to time this may happen, but the bookstore will make every effort to conscientiously serve and benefit all law students as it has done under the direction of its present manager. We urge that you continue to patronize the bookstore, and to benefit from its services.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

A placement meeting for second year students who are interested in a clerkship during the Spring of 1965 will be held on Thursday, Sept. 18, at 1:15 in rm. 100, Hutchins. Prof. Fellman will discuss the possibilities for such employment in law offices, corporate legal departments and governmental agencies. He will also outline the procedures to be followed in applying. Several seniors will discuss their own clerkship experiences. Many of the employers who will begin interviewing here on September 21 will be interested in interviewing second year students for jobs next summer. You are urged to attend this meeting and to register with the Placement Office after Sept. 10.

Cooks Inn Toastmasters, the Law School's upper club and speaking society, is rushing prospective members this week. Any interested student may sign up for an interview at the Lawyers Club Office. The club is devoted to developing the talents of public speaking and speech organization. The agenda of the weekly dinner meetings (Tuesday) includes short impromptu talks by members, three prepared speeches, and a
critical analysis of each speech. For further information, sign up and a member will call upon you next week.

Campbell chapter of Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity will hold a Rush Smoker in room 3-C of the Union, at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 9. Special guest will be District Justice Frank R. Pitt. Faculty, alumni and all interested law students are welcome...."PAD" will also hold its first luncheon meeting of the year on Thursday, Sept. 10, at noon in the faculty dining room. Prof. Thomas Kauper will be the speaker.

Mr. Thomas Rowe will speak in the lounge at 6:30 on Thursday, Sept. 10. Mr. Rowe was valedictorian of his class at Yale and will study in England as a Rhodes Scholar this coming year. He will discuss his experiences as a participant in the Mississippi Summer Project and organizer of that state's Freedom Democratic Party. He will be joined by U-M students who were also in Mississippi this summer.

AT THE FLICKS:

Campus: "A Shot in the Dark"

Michigan: "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow"

State: "A Hard Day's Night"

Cinema Guild: Fri.- "The World of Apu"; Sat.- "Breathless"

QUADSVILLE QUOTES:

The whole history of English justice and police might be brought under this rubric: "The decline and Fall of the Sheriff."

- Maitland

If it be that previous decisions must be rescinded, at least let them be interred with honour.

- Bacon