OFFERENHEIM DISCUSSES FUTURE OF FEDERAL ANTITRUST POLICY:

The boom in antitrust actions will continue, Prof. S. Chesterfield Oppenheim told the second annual Corporate Counsel Institute of the Northwestern University Law School. Speaking yesterday, in Chicago, he stated that in business, bigness is not necessarily bad and that he felt that Americans realized this fact. He warned that efforts to attack big business just because it is big may well boomerang on the instigators.

"The American's distrust of concentrated economic power is overborne by their recognition of the beneficial results of big enterprises," he said. Still, there are many who would increase the scope of antitrust legislation beyond its present boundaries which are aimed at curbing such abuses as agreements among competitors for price fixing, the division of markets and boycotting.

He cited a 1959 book by two Harvard economists which urges the curbing of the growing oligopolies in American business. Economists define an "oligopoly" as an industry in which a few companies together account for the major part of the production and sales. "The heart of their approach," said Oppenheim in referring to the book, "is to use the harsh remedies of divestiture and other means of dismantling oligopolies when there is proof of what they call 'unreasonable market power.'"

As one yardstick of unreasonable market power, he went on, these two economists would define that as a company which has accounted for more than 50 per cent of the annual sales in the market, or four or fewer companies have accounted for 80 per cent of sales."

"I believe such proposals will boomerang," Professor Oppenheim declared. "They are theoretical grand designs which are not translatable into the practical demands of the complex technology and diversities of a progressive American economy."

"Besides," he added, statutory limits on business size or market shares would substitute governmental economic planning and affirmative regulation for private managerial decision-making. The antitrust boom will not lose its steam so long as it is channeled within banks that keep it from overflowing into enforcement out of context with the work-a-day dynamics of the competitive process."

Professor Oppenheim reiterated his belief "that proposals for drastic deconcentration of oligopoly structures will also boomerang either in Congress or in the courts. Romantic and nostalgic images of American industry organized in small units and emotional slogans about the virtues of diffused economic power color the antitrust horizon. They do not appear to have made significant inroads on the acceptance by the American public of business bigness. The informed citizen still regard bigness as essential a part of our economy as antitrust policy itself."

MICHIGAN REPRESENTED AT INTERNATIONAL SPACE COMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE:

Prof. Samuel D. Estep is currently in Geneva, Switzerland for the International Telecommunications Union Extraordinary Conference on Space Frequency and Radio Astronomy Allocations. Estep, an authority on space law, is a member of the recently appointed Space Science committee of the University. He will remain in Geneva for the entire conference, which is expected to last about six weeks. He will then visit several capitals of Western Europe to meet with broadcasting officials and government personnel in regulatory agencies similar to the Federal Communications Commission.

The Geneva conference Estep terms "a key meeting in the field of space research."

To be determined will be such matters as legal regulations of space communication satellites. Both the U.S. and Russia have announced terms of proposals they plan to present at the conference aimed at expending the frequencies allocated to such satellites. It is also expected, he says, that an effort will be made to broaden the use of these frequencies which are now restricted to research activities.

Failing agreement at Geneva, Estep states, it is conceivable that the bigger nations might decide to go ahead on their own and ignore the International Telecommunications Union control of space frequencies.
A.B.A. PRESIDENT-ELECT DISCUSSES LEGAL EDUCATION:

John Ritchie, Dean of Northwestern University's School of Law and president-elect of the A.B.A. made some predictions concerning future developments in American legal education in a recent speech. Looking into the future, Dean Ritchie predicted, "An overall reduction of calendar time from high school graduation to admission to the Bar because the trimester or full quarter system will become conventional in most of our colleges, with the result that a great many students will receive their college degrees in three calendar years. Possibly law schools will also go on a trimester basis."

However, Ritchie said, he would like to see the now widespread practice of law students working in law offices during the summer months continued and expanded. He said law office experience provides apprentice-type training that is a valuable adjunct to law school instruction. Dean Ritchie also said he suspects the six semester law school course may be expanded to include a required summer session of skill training similar to that now offered at the University of Wisconsin and now required in the Province of Ontario for admission to the Bar.

He predicted that the practice now in effect in some schools of bringing first year students back a week to ten days in advance of the upper classmen for orientation in the study of law will become well nigh universal. It has proved to be a great success in those schools which have tried it out. Most law schools will come to require a college degree for admission and the J.D. will replace the LL.B. as the first degree in law awarded by most universities. There will be a substantial increase in the ratio of faculty to students to satisfy the demand for small unit instruction, interdisciplinary research, and more extensive faculty participation in, and direction of, continuing legal educational programs.

Admission policies will become more selective and the means of predicting an applicant's success in the study of law will become more reliable than those now in effect. In this connection, presently only about 60 per cent of those who enter law school as first year students are graduated. Seminars employing the problem method will largely supplant the casebook method of instruction in the second and third years of law study. There will be a far greater use of audio visual aids.

(continued below)
far left which, local experts on campus "politics" tell me, is dissatisfied with the current make-up of the S.G.C. What a great campaign platform: "Victory or Anarchy."

-H.V. Baxendale

****

GRIDIRON PIX:

NSU over Michigan
Ohio State over Illinois
Northwestern over Minnesota
USC over Notre Dame
Georgia Tech over Tennessee
Arkansas over Baylor
Kansas over Iowa State
Forbestown over Arboga Tech.
Navy over SHU
Indiana over Iowa

Nebraska over Air Force
Texas over Oklahoma
Oregon State over Washington
Wisconsin over Purdue
Syracuse over UCLA
TCU over Texas Tech.
Columbia over Yale
Harvard over Cornell
St. Johns over Augsburg
LSU over Miami

MISCELLANEOUS:

On Wed., Oct. 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the lounge, there will be a movie entitled "The Lawyers." The movie, recommended by Dean Joiner, shows what a lawyer actually does in practice and also presents some interesting facts about the distinction between solicitor and barrister in England. Although produced in Britain, the movie is still very informative for those intending to practice here in the colonies. The National Moot Court Practice Segments will be held on Monday, Oct. 21 at 3:30 in room 100. The bench will be composed of Judge F.J. O'Brien and Professors Harris and George. The Campbell Quarter-finals for Court "A" will be held on Fri., and Sat., Oct. 18 and 19, at 3:30 and 7:30 (Fri.), and 10:00 A.M. and 1:00 p.m. (Sat.). The problem is an antitrust question related to the merger of two newspapers in a small Texas town. The court will consist of three members of the Michigan Antitrust Bar. Capt. S.R. Heath, from the Office of the Army Staff Judge Advocate, Headquarters Fifth United States Army, will discuss the opportunities available in the JAG Corps at a group meeting on Tues., Oct. 15, at 3:00 p.m. in room 100. Senior pictures for the "Quad" will be taken Mon. & Tues. If you haven't had yours taken yet, sign up as soon as possible. Also, advance sales of the "Quad" will be resumed in a week or two. Save your pennies.

AT THE FLICKS:

Michigan: "The V.I.P.'s"
State: "The Condemned of Altona"
Campus: "Two Daughters"

Cinema Guild: Fri. - "A Night at the Opera"; Sat. - "Oedipus Rex"

QUADSVILLE QUOTES

In law also the right answer usually depends on putting the right question.

-Frankfurter

An appeal, Hinnissy, is where ye ask 'an coort to show its contempt f'r another coort.

-Finley Peter Dunne.