



The Dean at Oxford

September 9 - 13, 1969, found Dean Kimball in Oxford, England, to participate in the Oxford Colloquium on Life Insurance Law. Dean Kimball, one of the country's leading experts in Insurance Law and internationally known in the field, spoke in Oxford on the Regulation of Life Insurance Companies for Solvency.

For Dean Kimball, the trip to Oxford was a homecoming, since he earned his Bachelor of Civil Law degree there as a Rhodes Scholar in 1949. He became Dean of the Wisconsin Law School in 1968, after service as Dean of the Utah College of Law and Professor of Law at the University of Michigan. He is the author of many books and articles, including his book, *Insurance and Public Policy*, which won the Elizur Wright prize in

1960, a casebook in Legal History, and a score or more of major articles, many of which have been excerpted in his *Essays in Insurance Regulation*, published in 1966. His work is well known abroad, and some of it has been published in England, Germany, Japan, Italy, Spain and Finland. He will also be the author of the chapter on Insurance Regulation for the *International Encyclopedia of Comparative Law*.

Along with his Deanship, he is serving as Staff Director for the Legislative Council's Insurance Laws Revision Committee. Part of the revision was enacted in 1967, and another part in 1969.

He is shown above with Prof. Ernst Klingmuller, University of Cologne, Mrs. Klingmuller, and Prof. Simon Fredericq, University of Ghent.

Small Classes Revived For First Year

For the first time since the school became a large one, entering Wisconsin law students are assured at least one small class during their first year. By means of an intricate system of scheduling, each of the required first year courses is offered in four different sections. Two of them are large, numbering one hundred twenty each, and two are small, meeting in seminar rooms seating only twenty. The large classes, which are of about the same size as regular first year classes at such Law Schools as Harvard, Yale, Chicago and Northwestern, are taught in a way familiar to all law graduates. The small sections, however, meet around a seminar room table and enable the instructor to carry on a vigorous dialogue with the students. Almost everyone in a small class can participate every day. During the first semester, 1969-70, small sections are given by Professors Macaulay (Contracts I), Zile (Torts), Conway (Civil Procedure I), Mermin (Legal Process) and Melli and Lehman (Legal Process). The small section system has imposed a heavier teaching load on several instructors—Macaulay, Zile and Conway each teach two sections without reduction of their other work, but they speak with enthusiasm about the experience.

In the Spring Semester small sections will be given in Contracts II by Professor William Whitford and in Criminal Law by Professors Edward Kimball and Bilder. The Legal Writing program, under the leadership of John Blakely, continues under the format developed in the late 1950's by Professor Macaulay and Henry Manne (now of the University of Rochester). About 22 different sections of Legal Writing are taught by selected second and third year students who are supervised and carefully trained by Mr. Blakely.

Despite the fact that Wisconsin is one of the larger law schools, the small section system gives students at least one significant opportunity to have close contact with the faculty.

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