

## GORDON BALDWIN ON TERRORISM

*Professor Gordon Baldwin*, who has served as a consultant to the State Department since 1975, was one of a couple dozen guests from all over the western world and Japan, who gathered in Washington during December to discuss terrorism. The invited attendants at the Conference are legal experts who serve as advisors to foreign offices and to heads of state, in the stressful events surrounding the acts of terrorists. They came from France, Italy, Japan, Sweden, Belgium, Britain, Germany and Israel.

Since 1975, Baldwin has done research on some of the legal problems involved in hijacking, kidnappings, assassinations, and other international violent acts. The knotty legal problem in the United States is jurisdictional: murder, for example, is generally a state — not a federal — crime. What are the powers of the President of the United States in dealing with terrorists? Can he, on demand of a hijacker, order the release of prisoners held in state prisons or local jails?

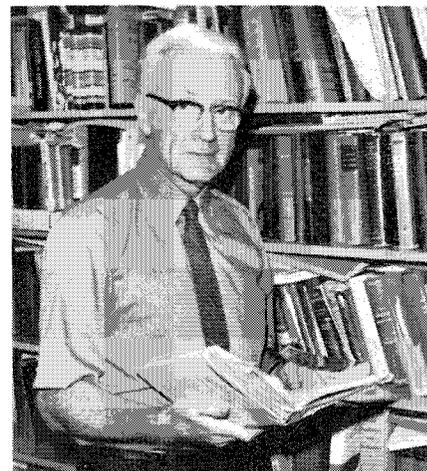
The object of meetings such as this is to open lines of communication between countries to provide dissemination of information between nations, and to develop understandings at times when calm and rational discussion is possible — in advance of crisis, or to prevent crises by making it clear that nations agree on their responses to terrorist demands.



Baldwin

A recently published issue of the *Columbia Law Review* contains a lengthy essay, *Alexander Hamilton, Law Maker*, by Professor Willard Hurst. The article is based on Professor Hurst's Sulzberger Memorial Lecture at Columbia in the fall of 1977.

In October 1978, Professor Hurst delivered a paper at the American Society for Legal History entitled "Old and New Dimensions of Research in Legal History", covering the work of the last 30 years.

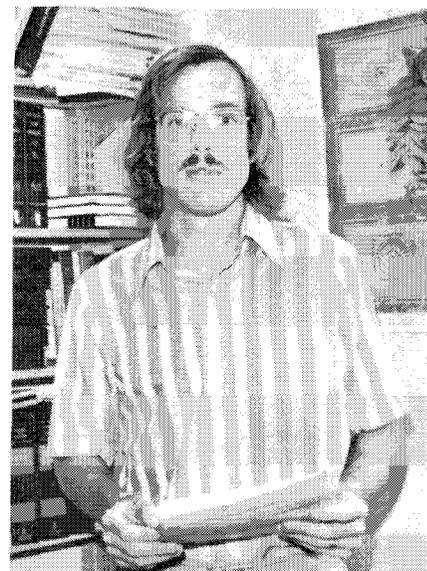


Hurst

As a part of a symposium on "Environmental Change in the Great Lakes Forests," in June 1979, Professor Hurst will present a paper called "The Institutional Environment of the Logging Era in Wisconsin, 1836-1915," the paper will be published later in a volume of symposium papers.

## ROBERTSON ON MEDICAL ETHICS

Last November, under the sponsorship of the American Bar Association, *Professor John Robertson* conducted a seminar for Appellate Judges in San Francisco on the legal aspects of withholding of necessary medical care from incompetent patients. In December he addressed the annual meeting of the Illinois Judge's Association on the same topic. In February he participated in a symposium on medical ethics at the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. He will participate in the Second National Symposium on Genetics and the Law in Boston in May. His article, "The Scientist's Right to Research: A Constitutional Analysis" has just been published in the *University of Southern California Law Review*.



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