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V. A. Leonard, *Editor*

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**Academy of Forensic Sciences**—The Academy of Forensic Sciences (American Medicolegal Congress) will hold its first formal organizational meeting in Lincoln Hall of the Northwestern University Law School, 357 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago 11, Illinois, on January 26-27-28, 1950. This important meeting will launch the Academy of Forensic Sciences. The meeting in St. Louis, January 19-21, 1948, was highly successful from every view point. The committees appointed by Dr. Gradwohl have moved slowly and cautiously in an attempt to create a sound organization. The response and interest which was generated as a result of the St. Louis meeting has been most encouraging. Letters have indicated a need for an organization of this type. The members of committees earnestly solicit your cooperation and support.

For additional information write Dr. R. B. H. Gradwohl, 3514 Lucas Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri; Dr. LeMoyne Snyder, Chairman, Constitution Committee, 705 American State Bank, Lansing, Michigan; Dr. Charles J. Umberger, Chairman, Membership Committee, 400 East 29th Street, New York City, New York; or Professor Ralph F. Turner, Acting Secretary, Department of Police Administration, Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan.

**Hotel headquarters**—The Sheraton Hotel, 505 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago 11, Illinois.

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**Appointment to United Nations Secretariat**—Professional friends of Dr. Edward Galway will be interested in learning of his recent appointment to the United Nations Secretariat as Social Affairs Officer in conjunction with international activity in the field of the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders. He has been granted an indefinite leave of absence from his position as Executive Secretary of the Osborne Association, so that he may take up his new responsibilities. Dr. Galway did his graduate work at Ohio State University under the supervision of Professor Walter C. Reckless of the School of Social Administration at that institution. His graduate program emphasized advanced study and research in correctional administration.—*Editor*.

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**Integration of Law and Medicine**—A law-science program has been established at Tulane university to bring about an effective integration between the fields of law and medicine on the graduate and undergraduate levels, Dr. Rufus C. Harris, Tulane president, has announced. It will be directed by Dr. Hubert Winston Smith, former professor of legal medicine at the University of Illinois, who has been named research professor of law and medicine, Dr. Harris said. He will serve also as professor of law and professor of legal medicine in the college of law and school of medicine, respectively, the two divisions in which the programs will operate at once. The program, effective

September 15, is the result of protracted deliberation by the two schools in finding effective measures to bring the legal and medical professions into a tangible, productive working relationship, Dr. Harris said.

New courses and seminars are being planned which will be devoted to more complete training of trial lawyers in the science of proof, handling of personal injury litigation, and in the elements of legal psychiatry. The latter will be devoted to giving the lawyers insight into behavior problems needed to meet the demands of daily practice. Long-range research plans call for projected developments in clinical legal medicine, legal pathology, and scientific crime prevention and detection, Dr. Harris said. Dr. Smith, who holds degrees in both law and medicine from Harvard, said it is hoped that clinics will be established to aid law enforcement agencies and at the same time provide laboratories where research and teaching may be carried on in the development of cooperation between law and science.

Announcement of the law-science program is the second major development in law at Tulane this year. On October 1 a comparative law institute will be established for studies and research in civil and common law. In the school of medicine, Dean Maxwell E. Lapham announced a course in legal medicine has been established, designed to acquaint undergraduates with chief connections in which medical science may help in the administration of justice and the solution of social problems. A new course in advanced evidence has been added to the curriculum of the college of law, dealing with the functional use of the rules of evidence and of the science in proof of civil and criminal litigation, Dean Paul Brosman said. Next Spring, he added, it is hoped to add a course in medical litigation.

"It has been estimated," Dr. Smith revealed, "that today up to 80 per cent of all legal controversies involve medical-legal problems, which can be solved only by drawing upon knowledge of law and medicine simultaneously. As part of the course now being planned, students will be given basic instruction in medical science in a manner appropriate to their needs and integrated with specific legal problems which constantly confront courts and lawyers." It is planned also to offer a course in medical-legal aspects of behavior problems, devoted to training of law students in basic principles of psychiatry as related to civil and criminal litigation. Basis for the course will be the contemporary belief that "only science can explain human behavior, and only law can regulate it," Dr. Smith pointed out. During the past few years, Dr. Smith has been conducting research with other specialists in re-formulating medical sciences in terms of their legal applications and utility. The result has been publication of more than 125 studies, published in both medical and legal journals.

Dr. Smith is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Texas, and holds a master of business administration degree from there, and law and medical degrees from Harvard university. During World War II he served as officer in charge of the legal medicine branch, bureau of medicine and surgery, U. S. Navy. He began his combined career by practicing law for six years in Dallas and later served as

associate in medical-legal research on the faculties of the Harvard law and medical schools. Dr. Smith is an Associate Editor of this *Journal*, and is consultant in forensic psychiatry to the U. S. Public Health Hospital, Fort Worth.—*From a recent release by the News Bureau of Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana.*

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**Medical Aspects of Crime**—The Medical Correctional Association, an affiliate of the American Prison Association, is interested in establishing contact with all professional personnel who are interested in, or concerned with, the medical aspects of crime. The membership in this Association is confined to the following groups: a. Physicians employed in penal and correctional institutions, or jails; b. Physicians, Social Welfare Workers, and special workers engaged in medical research work in penal and correctional institutions and jails; c. Physicians, Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Social Workers, and special workers engaged in medical research work in connection with any one or more of the following—institutions or hospitals for the mentally ill, mentally defective individuals, juvenile delinquents, defective delinquents, out-patient or behavior clinics dealing with any aspect of crime or its prevention; criminal, juvenile, and domestic relations courts; parole, probation, public and private schools, colleges and universities; federal, state, county and municipal public health organizations; d. Any person who, though not automatically falling in any one of the three above mentioned groups, presents satisfactory evidence that he or she is engaged in research, or an occupation in which the medical aspects of crime are acknowledged as important features. The annual dues of the Association are one dollar, and its payment entitles the member to vote in elections, to present papers at the open meeting of the Association, to receive copies of the minutes, by-laws, as well as abstracts of papers presented at the last annual meeting. Application for membership and payment of dues should be made to Dr. E. C. Rinck, Clinical Director, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri. *From an announcement by the Medical Correctional Association.*

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**Survey of University and College Offerings in Criminology**—The Society for the Advancement of Criminology is conducting a survey to determine what criminology courses and police training programs are currently offered in colleges and universities in this country. The objectives of this survey are: a. to issue a directory of educational institutions engaged in professional training in the general field of criminology, and b. to gather information concerning the subject matter of the various courses offered. The Society feels that there is a definite need for a directory. Its members, as well as leading law enforcement agencies, frequently receive inquiries from American and foreign students requesting information as to what colleges and universities offer training in such fields as police science and administration, scientific crime detection and investigation, traffic regulation and control, delinquency, crime prevention, penology, criminology, and youth supervision. The need is felt for a central clearing agency for such information, and the Society has decided to sponsor a study of this problem as a means of improving the

administration of justice. The Committee seeks bulletins, copies of lesson plans and teaching materials from educational institutions offering courses in the aforementioned areas. They should be addressed to Professor Frank M. Boolsen, Chairman, Committee on Survey of Criminology Programs, Criminology Division, Fresno State College, Fresno 4, California. Editor's Note: The Society for the Advancement of Criminology, formerly the American Association of College Police Training Officials, is a newly reorganized association of college and university instructors in criminology. It has defined criminology as ". . . the study of the causes, treatment and prevention of crime, including, but not restricted to: a. scientific crime detection, investigation and identification; b. crime prevention, public safety and security; c. law enforcement administration; d. administration of criminal justice; e. traffic administration; f. probation; g. juvenile delinquency control, and h. related aspects of penology.

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