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With this current issue of the Journal a new section is being created. It is entitled "Articles, Reports, and Notes of the National Association of County and Prosecuting Attorneys". In this way the Journal will be serving as the official publication of the Association, with the entire membership as subscribers, pursuant to a special arrangement between the Journal and the Association.

The NACPA was founded in November, 1950, and has been growing in stature and effectiveness ever since. Starting with an organizing group of sixteen county and prosecuting attorneys from twelve different states, the Association now numbers approximately 1100 members, of which 600 are active members and over 500 Associate Members.

The general aims and purposes of the Association, as set forth in its constitution, are as follows:

- "(a) To provide an appropriate national organization representing the district attorneys, county attorneys and prosecuting attorneys of the United States of America in both civil and criminal aspects of their official law practice and for both the smaller and larger jurisdictions with equal stress on both civil and criminal aspects.
- "(b) To foster periodical conventions or meetings of the various county attorneys, prosecutors, state's attorneys, county solicitors, county counsels and officials performing similar duties, by whatever title known in any of the states, districts, territories or possessions of the United States of America for the discussion and solution of problems common to such officers.
- "(c) To gather and to disseminate knowledge relating to the legal problems of county government and the prosecution of crime by appropriate means.
- "(d) To afford a means of coordination of law enforcement agencies among the members generally and among federal, state and other local law enforcement agencies through their

respective national associations, organizations and representatives.

- "(e) To render technical, informational and other services to its members for the official benefit and for the general welfare of the districts, counties, parishes, or municipalities which they represent.

- "(f) To encourage and sponsor the enactment of uniform laws and procedures among the several municipalities, counties, parishes, districts and states of the United States of America."

In addition to the foregoing aims and purposes, the NACPA has as a general objective the offering to its members of "an excellent opportunity for county and prosecuting attorneys to meet and know each other, fostering a spirit of comradeship and cooperation to meet the challenge of their responsibilities." "To know a person," states the Association's Handbook, "goes a long way in getting his ready cooperation. This has proved most effective in the fight against crime that knows no state boundaries."

The motto of the Association is "Organized Law Enforcement vs. Organized Crime."

Active membership in the Association is limited to persons holding office as county or prosecuting attorney; assistant county attorneys and assistant prosecutors are eligible for associate membership. The dues for active members are \$15.00 a year; for associate members, \$2.00 a year. Active members will receive the Journal at no cost to them; as for associate members, they may obtain the Journal through the Association's Treasurer at a cost of \$6.00 a year, instead of the regular price of \$7.50.

In the Association's section of the Journal (pages 367-377 of this issue) will be found articles, reports, and notes of and about the Association. This material, however, will also be of interest and value to other Journal readers. Witness, for instance, the articles in the current issue on the subjects of "Prosecutors and Police—Their Common Bond" and "The Role of County and Prosecuting Attorneys with Respect to Alcoholism".