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**Eighth Quadrennial Congress of the Association Internationale de Droit Penal Meets in Portugal**—The Eighth Quadrennial Congress of the Association Internationale de Droit Penal, founded in 1924 on French initiative, was held in Lisbon, Portugal, September 21–27, 1961, at the invitation of the Portuguese government. Despite the last minute withdrawal—in the face of the Berlin crisis—of the large Soviet delegation, this was one of the best attended Congresses of the Association, with over 360 participants. Very well organized by the Portuguese government, which offered a splendid hospitality, and by the Association presidency; and preceded by numerous planning sessions and preliminary seminars, the work of the conference was attended with great success. The scholarly discussions took place in an atmosphere of great mutual respect and at no time transgressed from the professional to the ideological. The traditional dignity of this organization of the world's leading scholars of criminal law again assured that the resolutions adopted will be regarded as the most authoritative pronouncements of criminal theory and are likely to sway criminal legislation in a number of countries.

For American criminal law scholarship, this Congress was of special significance, since it marked the first active participation of an American delegation as well as the admission of the American National Section of the Association. Officers of the American National Section are: *president*, Professor Gerhard O. W. Mueller of New York University; *vice-president*, Professor Louis B. Schwartz of the University of Pennsylvania; and *secretary*, Professor Helen Silving of the University of Puerto Rico. Members of the American delegation were: Professor Canals (University of Puerto Rico), Professor George (University of Michigan), Professor Hall (Indiana University), Dr. Hess (National Council on Crime and Delinquency), Professor Jones (Washington University, St. Louis), Mrs. Mueller (Assistant District Attorney, California), Professor Mueller (New York University), and Professor Schwartz (University of Pennsylvania).

The reports of the national sections were submitted in advance and printed in the *Revue Internationale de Droit Penal*. The reports covered

four topics, upon which a number of debates were held at the Congress: (1) The Problems Raised in Modern Penal Law by the Development of Non-Intentional Offenses, (2) The Methods and Technical Procedures Employed in the Execution of the Penal Sentence, (3) The Problems Raised by the Publicity Given to Criminal Activity and Criminal Procedure, and (4) The Application of Foreign Penal Law by the National Judge.

The detailed conclusions of the Congress with respect to these topics cannot be presented here; however, several points are of special interest: as the result of joint American and German insistence, a resolution was defeated which favored criminal liability for unconscious negligence; as the result of joint American and Italian insistence, a resolution was adopted which called for fact finding studies on the impact of publicity upon crime and criminal proceedings; and endorsement in principle was given to American bipartition of the trial process, for separate inquiries into the crime charged and the factors determining sentence.

The national reports and resolutions on all four topics can be found in the 1960–62 volume of the *Revue Internationale de Droit Penal*.

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**Italian-U.S. Conference on International Judicial Assistance Meets in Italy**—Organized by the Italian-United States Center of Judicial Studies, with the cooperation of the Institute of Judicial Administration of New York University and the collaboration of the public agencies of Varese, Como, and the Municipality of Milan, the first bi-national Conference on International Judicial Assistance was held in Varese, Milan, and Como, Italy, from August 26–29, 1961, with delegations of 28 American and 28 Italian justice department officials, judges, law professors, and military and civilian attorneys. Although the program was originally restricted to discussions of civil law problems, it early became apparent that recent difficulties on the level of adjudication called for a solution of certain problems of international judicial assistance in criminal matters as well.

Italian judicial authorities had been hampered by repeated American state court refusals to

render aid in the form of service of documents, the taking of depositions, obtaining of documentary evidence, etc. A committee to consider this problem was established, consisting of Gen. E. Santacroce (Attorney General, Supreme Military Court of Italy), Judge S. Alagna and Judge P. Curatello (Court of Appeals, Milan), Dr. V. Malcangi (President, Italian Bar Association), Dr. G. L. Cavalla, Dr. R. Collino Panso and Dr. N. Veratti (Attorneys, Milan) and Col. L. J. Fuller, Col. E. Feldman and Col. J. Lynch (Judge Advocates Corps, U. S. Army), under the co-chairmanship of Justice G. Rosso (Supreme Court of Cassation of Italy) and Professor G. O. W. Mueller (New York University). On the basis of a published report by Professor Mueller, and after several oral reports and consultations, the committee adopted and the conference approved the following resolutions:

"1. The Conference notes with satisfaction that judicial assistance in criminal matters is facilitated by the Italian Code of Criminal Procedure and by the United States Code, Title 28, as amended in 1949.

"2. The Conference notes with satisfaction the existence in the United States of the Uniform Foreign Depositions Act which, in effect, creates the possibility for the various States of the United States to adopt for State practice the Federal Rules relating to international judicial assistance. The Conference wishes to express the hope that those States which have not yet adopted this Act will follow the recommendation of the Commissioners on Uniform Laws and likewise adopt this Act, so as to facilitate greater international judicial co-operation between American State Courts and the Criminal Courts of Italy.

"3. The Conference is of the opinion that the possibility of even more satisfactory judicial assistance in criminal matters between the United States and Italy should be investigated. Therefore it is

RESOLVED that a bilateral research commission be established to consider the utilization of the general principles of the existing European Convention on International Judicial Assistance in Criminal Matters of April 20, 1959, as well as the 1939 Draft Convention on Judicial Assistance, drafted in the United States by the Research Group on International Law, especially insofar as pertaining to criminal matters, with a view toward the making, between the United

States and Italy, of a Convention for Judicial Assistance in Criminal Matters."

The Conference was attended by great success, assured by the congenial atmosphere among the delegates, the lovely pre-alpine landscape in which the meetings were held, and the superb hospitality of the Italian hosts.

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Illinois Academy of Criminology Elects Officers, Schedules Programs—The 11th Annual Meeting of the Illinois Academy of Criminology was held at the University of Illinois on April 28 and 29, 1961. The theme of the program was "Corrections in Illinois: A Program for the Sixties." Papers were presented on legislation, the contribution of the correctional institution, probation and parole trends, and treatment and research in corrections. Professor Mayer N. Zald of the University of Chicago was the speaker at the annual dinner.

The officers elected for the 1961-62 term are: *president*, Francis A. Allen, University of Chicago Law School; *vice-presidents*, Daniel Glaser, University of Illinois; Charles H. Shireman, University of Chicago; and Morris J. Wexler, attorney at law; *secretary*, Harvey Treger, United States Probation and Parole Service; *treasurer*, Harold Finestone, Illinois Institute for Juvenile Research; and *archivist*, G. Lewis Penner, Juvenile Protective Association. Attorney Morris J. Wexler will head the program committee for the coming year.

Topics for the 1961-62 meetings of the Academy include: What Are the Indices of Good Law Enforcement?; The Helping Process in Psychiatry; Street Work and Corrections; Adolescence: Problems in Maturation and Adjustment; Administration of Criminal Justice; and The Impact of Publicity on Crime and Criminal Justice.

Inquiries regarding the time and place of meetings are welcomed and should be addressed to Harvey Treger, United States Probation and Parole Service, 219 South Clark Street, Chicago 4, Illinois. Membership in the Academy is open to all persons with interests in the field of criminology.

Bar-Ilan University Offers Diploma Course in Criminology—Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel, has instituted a one-year course leading to a diploma in Criminology. The Course is intended for members of the police force and the armed services, and for welfare workers dealing with