Federal Prisoners Would Grow Rubber in Jungles of Brazil—One hundred and thirty-seven prisoners in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, have petitioned the Federal Government to be sent to the jungles of Brazil to develop a new rubber supply for America.

In their letter, which was made public by James V. Bennett, Director of the U. S. Bureau of Prisons, the prisoners said that they were fully aware that “few white men survive this climate,” but they still insisted that “each of us feels he would rather die gathering rubber in the jungles helping towards victory for our nation than to live in prison while others fight and work to save our country.”

The appeal from the Leavenworth prisoners was described by Mr. Bennett as only one of many dramatic and sincere offers of service made by thousands of prisoners throughout the country. In Oklahoma and Ohio penitentiaries and in several others, Mr. Bennett pointed out, hundreds of prisoners are already drilling in anticipation of future usefulness in the American army.

The letter from Leavenworth inmates said in part:

“We believe that the mistakes made during our lives, and which according to law caused incarceration, have in no way lessened our loyalty to the United States, or our right to defend it. Our past acts, that were at variance with the statutes, now, in time of war, are comparable to a family dispute. We believe that these differences should be laid aside, at least temporarily, for in true American style quarrels are forgiven between family members when acts of aggression are made against family rights.

“We are Americans who realize our rashness in the past is depriving us of the opportunity to fight or work for the protection of our country against its enemies. That rashness can now fulfill a task in some quarter of the war program, enabling us to regain self respect for our families, friends and society.

“In every great crisis, in science or in war, some one or group of Americans have risen to volunteer for service knowing that death was the probable result. We expect no acknowledged glory for the service we are about to suggest, even knowing many fail to survive the climate and disease of tropical jungles. All we expect is the satisfaction our immediate families will have, and to know we have in some small manner compensated for the errors made against society.”—From Crime News and Feature Service.

The Dimmick D. Drake Fellowship—The Central Howard Association announces the creation of the Dimmick D. Drake Fellowship Fund and the establishment of a fellowship position on the staff of the agency, effective October 1, 1942. This plan offers a qualified man engaged in public parole, probation or allied work, within the States of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin, who otherwise could not obtain such education, training and experience, part-time employment while pursuing graduate professional training at either the School of Social Service Administration of the University of Chicago, or, the School of Social Work of Loyola University. The monthly stipend will be $75.00.

The fellowship will be awarded to the candidate who possesses the necessary basic qualities and gives special promise for future leadership in the field of social case work with adult delinquents. Preference will be given to applicants between 25 and 30 years of age, who are graduates of an accredited college or university and employed in a public parole or pro-
bation unit that grants leaves of absence for the purpose of professional study.

Experience may include one or more of the following: Case work with paroled and discharged men, vocational counselling and placement, public relations, administration, research.

All fellows will be required to pay full tuition in the graduate school of social work during the tenure of their appointment. The Drake Fellowship Committee is responsible for the selection of the Fellow and administering of the fund. Men who meet the requirements may obtain application forms by writing to the Secretary, Dimmick D. Drake Fellowship Committee, % The Central Howard Association, 608 S. Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Committee

Honorable William H. Holly, Chairman, Board of Directors, The Central Howard Association; Professor Edith Abbott, Dean of the School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago; Professor Frank T. Flynn, Head, Department of Social Work, University of Notre Dame, Professor Roman Haremski, School of Social Work, Loyola University and Eugene S. Zemans, Executive Secretary of the Central Howard Association.

Criminal Law Section of the A.B.A.—Following are the contributions to the program of the Criminal Law Section of the American Bar Association at its Detroit meeting on August 24 and 25:

