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# EDITORIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

## With Your Co-operation We'll Tell the World

The students of the Marquette University Law School appreciate the fact that you are among the readers of the REVIEW. The REVIEW had many appreciative readers, and the staff extends thanks to the entire body. Now to business:

We are confronted with the necessity of doing as much good as we can by publishing the REVIEW. There are two essentials to the attainment of this end. The first is, that the REVIEW be capable of serving the profession, and secondly, all of the members of the profession must be readers of the REVIEW.

With the co-operative criticism of the profession, we have been able to present many issues of the REVIEW such as you now read. In the absence of criticism the staff believes that the REVIEW meets with your approval. Please do not allow it to, in any way, fall short of satisfying you without informing us of it immediately. This will enable us to fulfill the first essential of doing the greatest amount of good.

The second essential calls for a slightly greater degree of co-operative spirit. We know you have it. If you find nothing in the REVIEW to criticize, please speak to those of your friends who do not read it and tell them what you think of it. We hope that they will be inclined to subscribe, and thereby give us the opportunity and pleasure of serving a greater field and ultimately accomplishing the second essential, that of acquiring all of the members of the profession as readers. Will you? Thank you.

EDITOR

## The Koenigsberg Air Law Institute

During a trip to Europe last summer the writer took occasion to travel across the Polish border to Koenigsberg, in the extreme east of Germany where he spent three useful and enjoyable days at the Koenigsberg "Institute fuer Luftrecht" (air law institute). He found the institute housed in the "Gebaeude fuer Technic" which is situated some distance from the campus of Koenigsberg University. Its facilities at the present time consist of one large room which houses the library and is also the reading room and further serves the purposes of the seminar course in air law hereafter mentioned. The offices of the director and that of the first assistant adjoin the library room. Between these offices is the working space of the stenographers, which also serves as the general reception room. Additional space, however, will soon be available.

The Institute was founded in 1924 by Prof. Otto Schreiber, whose untimely death at the age of forty-seven, in January, 1929, shortly after returning from a year's stay in the United States where he served as an exchange professor at the University of Southern California where he conducted a course in air law, was a severe blow to the young institution. It is now under the direction of Dr. Hans Oppikofer of the Law School of Koenigsberg University who is ably assisted in his arduous work by Dr. Alexander Beck, his first assistant, and Dr. Herman von Mangoldt, his second assistant. Two women stenographers who attend also to the cataloging and to other clerical work complete the staff. The two assistants give their full time to the work.

The Institute has no organic connection with the university. Its contact with it is through the person of its director who among his courses in the university's Law School has a course of about thirty lectures on air law which is open to all law students. A seminar course limited to sixteen students at one time and given in the library of the institute itself completes its connection with the university. As a part of this seminar course the students write their doctor's thesis on some subject of air law for which they receive credit by the university.

The Institute is supported by the state and not, at least not at present, through private donations. Since money at the present is scarce in Germany this support naturally is somewhat precarious. Repeatedly it has been necessary for the director to travel to Berlin to secure the necessary funds to pay the salary of the staff for the next month. Despite these difficulties the institute has not so far been substantially crippled in its useful work.

A large library has been accumulated, This contains the reports of all the various international conferences dealing with aeronautics, of a collection of all the textbooks on the subject which are procurable, of copies of the various magazine articles which have appeared in the law journals of the various countries, of complete sets of the French and Italian journals on air law, and of a miscellaneous array of books on international law and on jurisprudence in general. The cataloging of this material in card form is in progress and the accumulated cards already fill many boxes. A complete collection of books on the related field of maritime law is in contemplation but lack of funds so far has been in the way of its accomplishment. For the same reason there is no printed catalogue of the books of the institute.

The literary organ of the Institute is its *Zeitschrift fuer das gesammte Luftrecht*. This journal is by no means limited to the German language but contains articles in other languages such as the English and French. court decisions of the various German courts on the matter of air law. In addition to articles (leading and otherwise) it publishes the current

This journal is a strain on the resources of the institute as subscribers to such a magazine naturally are few and far between. A subscription to it by the various law schools of the United States would not only tend to lighten this strain but would bring to the shelves of these law schools a most valuable and desirable addition.

Its connection with the law school of Koenigsberg University and its journal by no means exhaust the activities of the institute. It has already been mentioned that its founder Professor Schreiber was an exchange professor in the United States shortly before his death. Similarly Professor Frederick D. Fagg, Jr., who recently has been appointed director of the newly founded Chicago Air Law Institute, which is connected with Northwestern University in somewhat the same manner as the Koenigsberg Institute is connected with Koenigsberg University, was an exchange professor at Koenigsberg last year. The members of the staff speak and write various languages and regularly attend many of the various international conferences on the subject of air law. They are ready at all times to give advice to legislative bodies. A large correspondence is carried on. While the writer was at Koenigsberg a letter arrived from a law school in Minneapolis asking advice in regard to a contemplated course on air law. The writer has the personal assurance that any information which he may require when he prepares his second edition of his *Law of the Air* will be gladly furnished by the Institute.

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