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NEWSLETTER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION



Louis Nizer to Speak Tuesday Night

Through the efforts of SBA President John Lumpkin and Dean Figg, the Law School takes great pleasure in announcing that famed attorney and author, Louis Nizer has accepted an invitation to speak at USC on Tuesday, April 15, at 8 p.m. in Drayton Hall.

Mr. Nizer will inaugurate a series of addresses by nationally prominent members of the legal profession. The program, conceived by John Lumpkin and sponsored by the Student Bar Association, will bring to our University Community and to the people of our State the best thinking of the legal profession on the ends which the law should serve in our world of today.

Mr. Nizer, an enlightened advocate for human rights under the law has achieved excellence not only in the field of law and authorship but also as a philosopher, psychologist, detective, literary critic and research scholar, to name but a few pursuits. Among his credits are, *The Jury Returns*, *My Life In Court*, *Commentary and Analysis of Official Warren Commission Report*, *What To Do With Germany*, *Thinking On Your Feet*, *Between You And Me*, *New Courts of Industry* and numerous articles.

Born in London, England, February 6, 1902, he came to this country as an infant at the age of 3 and has resided in New York State for the past 60 years.

He graduated from Columbia University in 1922 and received his LL.B., from Columbia in 1924. Since 1926 he has been a member of the law firm of Phillips & Nizer; now, Phillips, Nizer, Benjamin, Krim & Ballon.

Congressman Rivers Will Speak at Law Day Exercises

The annual Law Day celebration will be held on Friday, April 18. This year's Law Day theme, selected for its timeliness, is *Justice and Equality Depend Upon Law and You*. This theme recognizes that while standards of justice are formalized in laws, the achievement of equality of opportunity depends in substantial measure upon the willingness of the individual to accept that concept and to apply it in his daily life.

The Law Day guest speaker is the Honorable L. Mendel Rivers, Congressman from South Carolina's Fifth Congressional District, and his presence marks the first time that a native South Carolinian has been a Law Day Speaker.

The event will take place at the National Guard Armory on Bluff Road in Columbia, beginning at six-thirty with a social hour, dinner, and a dance to follow. Dress is formal, and tickets for the occasion may be obtained at the Pettigru College.

SBA in Williamsburg Conference

Beautiful and historic Williamsburg, Virginia was the scene of this year's Quint-Circuit Conference of the Law Student Division of the American Bar Association.

Some 146 delegates from 5 of the SBA's 13 Circuits met March 8th, 9th, and 10th to discuss issues of mutual concern and to hear a number of prominent speakers talk on various aspects of the legal profession.

Representing the University of South Carolina School of Law were Bachman Smith, third year class, Clinch Belser, second year class, and Ray Chandler, first year class. Smith, last year a delegate to the National Convention in Philadelphia, Penn., and presently a National Committee Chairman, headed the delegation.

The three day program consisted of several committee reports and small group discussions on such topics as Placement Services, Audio Visual Methods of supplementing law school curricula, Student Bar Association Publications, and Convention Voting and Election Procedure. (Cont'd page 3)

The President Comments



As the academic year at the University of South Carolina Law School heads towards its end, a number of worthwhile projects effected over the last few months may be looked upon with pride, and the success of these projects has been attributable to the hard work of many members of the Student Bar Association.

In the Spring semester of last year, the SBA began to assist Dean Robert Figg and faculty coordinator Professor Robert Foster in reorganizing the job placement program. Through the efforts of senior Dave Howser and members of the Student Placement Committee the Changes embraced four areas:

- (1). Sending individual student resumes to any lawyer or firm requesting the same.
- (2). Improving on-campus interviewing procedures to accommodate visiting attorneys or businessmen.
- (3). Distributing the Placement Annual more widely around the Southeast.
- (4). Improving facilities for Summer job placement.

Through the equally untiring efforts of Mike Grier, working in co-operation with the University, the following building improvements were initiated at the law school:

- (1) Landscaping the entrance and making outside repairs.
- (2) Purchasing new furniture and redecorating our practice Court room.

E. C. Burnett headed a committee which organized an examination file and placed this file on reserve in the library.

These students are congratulated on jobs well done. At the same time, it should be recognized that the strength of any SBA lies not only in its present accomplishments, but in the goals it sets for itself in the future.

In order to plan ahead there is a distinct need for foresight and initiative in any organization which operates from September to June. With elections of next year's SBA officers being held shortly, it is imperative that all candidates begin now to gather ideas and formulate plans for change and development of the SBA. A blueprint for action developed now will pay dividends of accomplishment next year. A blueprint for action developed as late as next year will probably fail — being too little, too late.

John Lumpkin
SBA PRESIDENT

* * Alumni Notes * *

University of South Carolina Law graduates are making their marks in every facet of the profession.

Following are items of interest concerning our graduates as supplied by the University of South Carolina Alumni Association-Educational Foundation.

MARY JO SOTTILE (1967) — has been hired as the first woman attorney on the House Armed Services Committee staff. She is working as a legislative research analyst in Washington... WILLIAM P. GRIGGS (1964) — has recently completed a three-year tour of duty as captain in the Judge Advocate General's Department of the U.S. Air Force and is a practicing attorney in Cheraw with C. Anthony Harris.

J. BUFORD GRIER (1963) — has announced the formation of a law partnership with Robert M. Ward of Rockhill... RICHARD LYLES SULLIVAN (1968) — has become associated with the law firm of Glenn and Porter in Columbia... CAPT. GERALD D. POLIS (1965) — has been decorated with the Bronze Star Medal at March Air Force Base, Calif., for meritorious service while engaged in military operations against Viet Cong forces at Bien Hoa Air Base, Vietnam.

HEADNOTES: The Wig Uncurled

Holiday travelers to Bermuda were Professor and Mrs. David H. Means and their children C1 and C2 Means.

We have it upon authority that Professor Karesh recently Contracted a cold against his Will, and we Trust he has recovered.

Dean Robert McC. Figg has declared his availability to serve as a speaker for the law fraternities at any or all of their Spring meetings. The topic on which he has offered to speak is "Anecdotes I Have Told." So far, it appears that no dates have been set.

It is rumored that the Student Bar Association is getting up an Earl Warren Legal Excellence Trophy to be given to Professor Clineburg on a suitable occasion. It is also rumored that Professor Clineburg will sooner quit than take it.

Professor Haimbaugh has been honored by the Stratford Bard Society for his recent article in the Avon Law Review, "Legal Implications of the Decision 'To Be, Or Not To Be.' " For his pioneering work in this field, Professor Haimbaugh was awarded a lifetime front-row seat at all Shakespeare theatres in England and America. Not that he needed it.

A report recently issued by Mrs. Ellen T. Benton, de facto Deputy Dean, indicates that as of the date of this printing, not a single law firm in the state has offered the \$18,000 starting salary that most graduating seniors are asking for. Many seniors seem surprised.

Persons graduating are advised to remember the following injunction from Samuel L. Clemens: "Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest."