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Since its inception, by proclamation of President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1958, Law Day USA has become one of the most widely observed days on the national calendar of special events. The aim of the observance is to dramatize the values of living under a system of laws and independent courts that protect individual freedom and make possible a free society.

An annual program in celebration of Law Day has become a tradition at the University of South Carolina School of Law and is one of the highlights of the Law School year. As its Law Day Program for 1971, the Law School was fortunate enough to host a conference featuring a number of nationally renowned scholars in the area of International Law. The conference was sponsored by the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Education About Communism and its Contrast with Liberty under Law, in cooperation with the Law School and the Department of International Studies at the University of South Carolina.

The theme of conference was "Nonconformity and the Law: Contrasts in Today's World." The two day event consisted of four sessions in which the lineup of noted scholars compared the status of freedom of speech, movement, publication, religion, education, literature, youth, culture and related matters as these exist in the Soviet Union, China, Eastern Europe and the United States.

The South Carolina Law Review feels that in order for this highly successful conference to have a lasting impact, the facts and ideas expressed by the participants should be published and made available to everyone. In keeping with this position the Transcript of the 1971 Law Day Conference is included in this issue of the Law Review as its leading article section. We are confident that the reader will find the Law Day Conference material to be interesting, informative and educational.

The South Carolina Law Review is extremely grateful to the A.B.A. Committee on Education about Communism and its chairman, Admiral William C. Mott, not only for making the Law Day Conference possible, but also for sharing in the

expenses of this publication. We sincerely hope that this publication will help to further the Committee's primary objective of informing people of the contrast between communism and liberty under law.

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