

EDITOR'S PAGE

Last year's Editorial Board planned to make the Spring, 1980 issue (Vol. 3 No. 2) a symposium on the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Bill. Because the bill did not become law until December 5, 1980, and because several of the articles slated for the symposium depended heavily on the final wording of the bill, this year's Editorial Board decided to avoid further delays by cancelling the symposium issue and dividing the symposium articles between two issues. As a result, the two articles that did not depend on the final wording of the bill—Senator Henry M. Jackson's and Mr. Ralph Cavanagh's—appear in this issue, and the articles that depended on the final wording are slated for the next issue. Furthermore, we have offered each of the authors space in future issues to respond to the other articles. The Editorial Board strongly believes that this decision to divide the symposium articles not only will provide more detailed and timely treatment of the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act, but also will effect better quality, more varied, and more prompt publications.

The variety and quality, if not the promptness, of this issue appear from the array of lead articles it contains. The Honorable Warren E. Burger graciously agreed to publish his remarks at the dedication of our new law center. Second, we have Senator Jackson's and Mr. Cavanagh's thorough and comprehensive treatments of the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act, emphasizing particularly the Act's purchase authority provisions. You should note that the Act as finally passed contains certain major differences from the early versions of the bill on which Senator Jackson and Mr. Cavanagh rely. These changes, however, do not detract from either author's analysis. Third, Professor Harlan Abraham's concise analysis of social theory in American jurisprudence provides a clear perspective for Professor Norm Rosenberg's excellent treatment of the life of Thomas Cooley and the development of liberal jurisprudence and libel law. Finally, Professor Edith Warkentine, in her timely article on the Washington version of U.C.C. Section 9-501, addresses the problem of consumer's liability for deficiency judgments in secured transactions.

The next issue—Spring, 1981—promises not only to be of equal quality and variety, but also to be more prompt. That issue will contain more articles on the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act, including Mr. Preston

Michie's and Mr. Jim Luce's articles emphasizing the implementation provisions, in addition to the purchase authority provisions. Further, it will contain articles by Doctor Andrew S. Watson on the role of a mid-city law center and by Mr. Todd M. Johnson on the interface between community property law and the Equal Credit Opportunity Act. Finally, the Editorial Board expects the Spring issue to be available in early summer.

Because we cancelled the Spring, 1980 issue (Vol. 3 No. 2), those of you who previously paid for Volume 3, Number 2 will receive Volume 4, Number 1 free of additional charge. Thus, regular subscribers can anticipate that their next billing will reflect a charge of one-half the normal annual subscription rate.

I want to take this opportunity to thank each of the symposium authors and you, the readers, for your patience and understanding with the Editorial Board's difficult decision to cancel the symposium issue and spread the symposium articles over two issues. The Editorial Board sincerely hopes that the quality of this year's publications will demonstrate the wisdom of that decision. We further hope that our decision to cancel Volume 3, Number 2 will benefit next year's editorial staff by allowing them to produce their own publications without having to complete ours. This should enable the Review to resume its regular publication schedule.

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