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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BAR CONFERENCE

To the Minnesota State Bar Association:

Your Committee recommends:

Recommendation

1. That the chairman of each Committee and Section of the State Bar Association be invited each year to attend the Fall Bar conference.

Report

This year, the sole activity of the Bar Conference Committee was its sponsorship of the Eighth Annual Conference of the officers of the several Judicial District Bar Associations with the officers of the State Association. The conference was held on September 13th last at the University Club in St. Paul. The business session ran through the afternoon, and it was followed by a dinner meeting. Representatives from nearly every District Bar Association attended.

First on the business agenda, there was a general discussion of bar organization problems and of activities engaged in by the local associations. It appeared that the Program of the Legal Institutes Committee was being used extensively in most districts. The work of the Real Property Section in developing Title Standards for aid in Title work was commented on favorably. There were inquiries concerning unauthorized practice of the Law by Laymen and concerning the Public Relations program.

The Hennepin County Association's Public Relations Committee presented a demonstration program of one of its Panel Discussion groups. Samuel Warren made introductory comments concerning the work of the Hennepin Committee. The panel consisted of W. W. Gibson, Geo. Maloney, Henry Johnson and A. E. Harroun. Its program was called "How to Keep Out of Trouble." Mr. Gibson acted as Discussion leader and in addition to introducing the other speakers, talked on the subject "Relation of Attorney and Client." The speakers were limited to ten minutes. The subjects presented were, "Titles," "Wills," and "Mechanics Liens." The purpose of the program is to create good will public reaction by pointing out to laymen certain common hazards in these fields of law. The program is furnished gratis to luncheon groups, P. T. A., Legion groups and others seeking a program for a business meeting. The program is inexpensive for the District Association to produce and can be developed in every local district where four or more lawyers are willing to prepare such talks.

Warren Burger of the state committee on Public Relations outlined the current work of that committee and the program for this year.

Leslie L. Anderson of Minneapolis and William C. Green of the Attorney General's office discussed proposed legislation which would permit suits generally, either in contract or in tort, against state and national governments.

Don B. Smith of St. Paul, Chairman of the Committee on Legal Institutes explained the program of that committee and its available institutes for the year.

Following the business meeting, the delegates adjourned for dinner, after which William H. Fallon, formerly Mayor of St. Paul, and recently returned to civilian life and private practice of the law, spoke on the subject, "The Future of Central Europe." Mr. Fallon served in Europe as a Lt. Colonel and he had a wealth of factual background and his analysis of conditions led to an extended question and answer session.

By custom this committee sponsors the Bar Conference early in fall at the beginning of each fiscal year of bar activity. It is the aim of the con-