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RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE EDITORIAL BOARD

With this number of the Journal of Air Law, four new members are added to the editorial board. Dr. Arnold D. McNair, visiting lecturer to the Summer Air Law Institute, has consented to represent Great Britain and to add his efforts to those of The Rt. Honorable Lord Thomson, Secretary of State for Air, Great Britain. Those who were privileged to hear Dr. McNair's lectures this past summer feel certain that his addition to the board is a most fortunate circumstance for the Journal.

Col. Thad H. Brown, General Counsel for the Federal Radio Commission, brings added strength to the distinguished representatives of the radio law field. His wealth of past experience and immediate position of responsibility will make possible valuable contributions to the pages of this Journal. The cooperation of Dr. McNair and Col. Brown will continue the policy of joint endeavor on behalf of a body of internationally recognized experts in working out the problems associated with air law.

Professor Kenneth Colegrove, of the Department of Political Science of Northwestern University, is the third new member to be added to the editorial board. Professor Colegrove has recently returned from a year in Paris where he has been editor of the "European Economic and Political Survey" and he has just completed a book on "International Control of Aviation."

Dean William G. Hale, School of Law, University of Southern California, succeeding Dean Justin Miller, now of Duke University, has been associated with The Journal of Air Law from the very beginning, when he was Dean at Washington University of St. Louis. His efforts have added greatly to the Journal and the Air Law Institute.

THE SUMMER INSTITUTE

Nearly a hundred lawyers, law students and operators from all over the United States met in Chicago from August 6-19 at the first international course of lectures on air law. During the first eight days, five lecture courses were offered on the various phases of aviation and radio law. An average attendance of slightly over

seventy persons was maintained during the forty lectures, which is most creditable.

The visiting attorneys came from Washington, Oregon, California, Utah, Florida, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Minnesota, Colorado, Kentucky, Michigan, Wisconsin, District of Columbia, Missouri, and Illinois.

Dr. Albert Roper, Secretary-General of the International Commission for Air Navigation, presented a series of eight lectures dealing with the origin, development, and functioning of the International Commission, established by the Convention of October 13, 1919. His perfect knowledge of English and his clear and detailed exposition of the problems arising in international regulation were thoroughly appreciated. To mention only the lectures given by this distinguished French representative would be to overlook the dynamic personality and charm of manner that has made possible such a high degree of international accord. M. Albert Roper will not be forgotten in America!

Dr. Arnold D. McNair, representing the Secretary of State for Air of Great Britain, delivered eight lectures on air law as determined by common law principles and British statute law. No English representative could have been more satisfactory to the American audience, either for the scholarly presentation of a most difficult subject or for the personal magnetism which makes association so pleasant. His lecture hours were accorded full attendance and the chief regret was that he had only eight hours for his subject. Suffice it to say that his efforts were so well received that already preparations are being made for him to return to Northwestern University as visiting professor!

Mr. Logan presented the American viewpoint on aeronautical law in his usual clear, incisive and scholarly manner. The brilliant review of the principles of radio law by Mr. Caldwell furnished a most interesting and instructive series of addresses. The seminar, or round-table, so capably conducted by Professor Zollmann, made possible an exchange of ideas both on aeronautical and radio law and proved to be one of the most valuable parts of the whole institute.

In behalf of the Air Law Institute, the Managing Director desires to take this opportunity to express again his sincere appreciation to the visiting lecturers for a most excellent presentation of material and for their splendid cooperation in making the first summer institute so successful. From the expressions of those in attendance, this first meeting served a very real purpose in the de-

velopment of air law, and proved to be an important step in the right direction!

FIRST NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE AIR CONFERENCE

From August 18-20, representatives from a majority of the States met, in conjunction with the Summer Air Law Institute, in the First National Legislative Air Conference. The Conference was called and sponsored by the State of Illinois, through its governor, Hon. Louis L. Emmerson, The Illinois Aerial Navigation Commission, the Illinois Commerce Commission, the Chicago Association of Commerce, and the Air Law Institute.

The Conference was more than a mere meeting of delegates. It was a meeting with a very definite purpose—which purpose was “to provide opportunity for a thorough discussion of the problems associated with state regulation of aviation, by a select body of representatives of each state, for the purpose of bringing about greater uniformity in the laws, more adequate regulation, and the promotion of aviation development generally.”

A reading of the proceedings of this Conference, published officially in this number of the *Journal of Air Law*, will make clear how closely the objectives have been realized. The program of addresses was so planned as to permit the presentation of a complete picture of the legal background of aeronautical law, together with detailed discussion on specific topics of present importance.

The record of this Conference speaks for itself, and the action taken at the meeting indicates that it will be the first of others to succeed during the next few years. The *Journal* wishes to offer its congratulations to those who realized the need for such a Conference and who shouldered the responsibility of making it serve that need!