

*THE COMMITTEE OF LEGAL SCIENCES OF THE POLISH ACADEMY
OF SCIENCES*

The Committee of Legal Sciences of the Polish Academy of Sciences, which is simultaneously the Polish committee of the Association Internationale des Sciences Juridiques, organizes scientific meetings, co-ordinates the research plans in the field of jurisprudence, and represents Polish jurisprudence in contacts with abroad.

During the period dealt with by reports for the second half of 1964 and the whole of 1965, the Committee organized one scientific session and three scientific meetings.

The scientific session, which was organized jointly by the Committee of Legal Sciences and the Institute of Legal Sciences of the Academy was devoted to the role which the law had played in shaping a socialist society during the twenty years of People's Poland's existence. The session lasted for two days (November 29th and 30th, 1964), and was attended by over a hundred jurists and practising lawyers from all over the country. The debates took place in five sections: a) the constitutional and administrative law section, b) the civil law section, c) the criminal law section, d) the labour legislation section, e) the international law section. Reports of the session may be found in the preceding number of "*Droit Polonais Contemporain*".

The three scientific meetings which took place in 1965 were attended not only by the members of the Committee, but also by academic lawyers who were invited from all the university faculties of law in Poland, and by eminent practising lawyers. The meeting which took place on April 27th, 1965 aroused great interest. It was devoted to discussion of a paper by Professor Juliusz Bardach on *The comparative method in the history of state and law*. During the lively discussion it was generally agreed that the comparative approach should be developed in all branches of jurisprudence. On a different occasion, a very interesting paper was given by Professor Jan Wasilkowski, First President of the Supreme Court, member of the Polish Academy of Sciences, on the concept of ownership in the light of the Polish Civil Code. This paper was read at a meeting on 1th October, 1965. In the debate that followed, many speakers took part, discussing various aspects of the law of property as a key problem in the legal system.

A plenary meeting of the Committee of Legal Sciences took place on 22nd February, 1965 to discuss the plans of the Ministry of Further Education for the reform of law studies in Poland. This plan, which has already been put into operation, reduced the time of the law course from five years to four.

In December 1964 a group was set up under the chairmanship of Professor Stefan Rozmaryn, Chairman of the Law Committee and member of the Polish Academy of Sciences, to study the plan for the training of jurists in 1965—1970. The group submitted its views to the authorities of the Polish Academy of Sciences.

The Committee of Legal Sciences activities in the field of international scientific co-operation mainly took the form of continued preparations for Poland's participation in the Seventh International Congress of Comparative Law which is due to take place at Uppsala in 1966. An Organizing Committee under the chairmanship of Professor Rozmaryn is in charge of these preparations. Poland will present twenty-eight papers at the Congress, the authors being jurists from all the law centres in Poland. Under the editorship of Professor Rozmaryn all the papers will be published in a joint publication which is due to appear about the middle of 1966.

During the period referred to above, consisting of the first half of 1964 and the whole of 1965, the Committee of Legal Sciences was represented at numerous scientific conferences and congresses abroad — for example, at a colloquium organized by the Association Internationale des Sciences Juridiques, at a meeting of the International Committee of Comparative Law in 1964, at the Sixteenth Congress of the Société Jean Bodin in 1964, at the Pan-American Congress of Insurance Law in 1964, at the International Conference of constitutional law of the socialist countries in 1964, at the Thirteenth International Congress of Administrative Sciences in 1965, and at the Twelfth International History Congress in 1965.

The Committee of Legal Sciences has Polish sections belonging to four international legal organizations. These organizations are: 1) the Institut International des Sciences Administratives, 2) the Association Internationale du Droit du Travail et de la Sécurité Sociale, 3) the Association Internationale du Droit des Assurances, 4) the Association Internationale d'Histoire du Droit et des Institutions. Besides organizing scientific meetings, the Polish sections of these organizations arranged lectures by guest speakers from abroad, and also took part in the preparations for international conferences and congresses in the field of law.

For example, the Polish section of the Institut International des Sciences Administratives drew up three papers to be given by the representatives of Polish law at the Thirteenth International Congress of Administrative Sciences in Paris in July 1965. Members of the Polish section also took an active part in the Congress itself.

The Polish section of the Association Internationale du Droit du Travail et de la Sécurité Sociale has prepared four papers for the Labour Legislation Congress which will be held in 1966. It also arranged several lectures. For instance, a paper was given by Professor O. Kahn-Freund of Oxford, on the development of labour législation in Britain, and a lecture by Professor A. S. Pashkov, of Leningrad, on labour legislation in the U.S.S.R.

The Polish section of the Association Internationale du Droit des Assurances was represented at the First Pan-American Congress on Insurance Law, which was held in Mexico in September 1964. The same section also organized several meetings on insurance law in the socialist countries. The section is at present busy on a paper for the International Congress of Insurance Law which will be held in 1966.

The Polish section of the Association Internationale d'Histoire du Droit et des Institutions took an active part in the Sixteenth Congress of the Société Jean Bodin (1964), at which the Poles submitted a paper, and also- in the Twelfth International History Congress which took place in Vienna in 1965.

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