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Sectional Meeting Committee

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people who come for advise on some veteran's claim? You musn't write to your senator or congressman about it for, as one of our members writes me, "apparently, members of the Congress do not rank any higher with that Bureau than do we lawyers." Another good brother practitioner writes, advising me, "If you keep on writing in a disgraceful vein about 'my day' agencies and their powers you may be cited to show cause why you should not be properly muzzled for the 'duration - - -'". Well maybe the President of the Bar Association should park his pen in the waste basket—keep "mum" on the subject; but too many lawyers are doing that very thing so some one should do something about it, so it is up to me to howl. We have a committee of our Association, Atty. H. G. Fuller of Fargo, chairman, working in conjunction with a committee of the American Bar, advocating the passage by the Congress of the McCarren-Sumner Bill. The act relates to procedure and practice before Boards and Bureaus with a right of appeal to the Courts from adverse decisions. Every lawyer should be sufficiently interested in the legislation to at least write to your Senators and Congressmen urging its passage and do that very deed right now. We lawyers pay our fare to, and are permitted to practice by, the Courts. Are we ready to bow to the dictates of those politically appointed who go to make up the Bureaus and Boards which make their own rules of procedure and prescribe penalties without a right of redress to the Courts?

Sincerely,

WM. G. OWENS,
President.

SECTIONAL MEETING COMMITTEE

Some of the members of the above Committee recently held a short meeting and here is a list of the subjects for Sectional Meetings that have been suggested to them:

1. Conveyancing and Real Estate Problems:
 - Joint Tenancy — advisability and effect
 - Estate Tax clearances as related thereto
 - Conveyances subject to life estate
 - Forms of Deeds — purposes and effects
 - Evidenciary value of affidavits
 - Homestead rights as affecting real estate transactions
 - Mortgage foreclosure titles as affecting marketability
 - Tax Titles — are they marketable?
 - Power of foreign legal representative to convey North Dakota real estate
2. 1943 Revised Code — changes in
 - Probate Court and Procedure
 - District Court Procedure
 - County Court of Increased Jurisdiction Procedure
 - Justice Court Procedure

3. Rights of Discharged Veterans under
 Selective Service and Training Act of 1940, as amended
 Servicemen's Dependents Allowance Act of 1942, as
 amended
 Mustering-Out Payment Act of 1944
 Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 (popularly known
 as the G. I. Bill of Rights)
4. Income Tax Returns — problems re
 Individual Returns
 Farmers Returns
 Servicemen's Returns
 Changes from corporation to partnership, and vice versa
 Family partnerships
5. OPA Violations with reference to sales of:
 Farm machinery
 Used trucks
6. War Labor Board — Practice and Procedure
7. Federal Rules of Procedure
8. Pre-Trial Conferences

There are undoubtedly many other subjects in which members of the North Dakota Bar Association are interested. The Committee, therefore, wishes you would immediately write the undersigned Chairman and not only let him know which of the above subjects most appeals to you but also let me have your suggestions as to other subjects and also give me the names of members of our Bar whom you think would be able to handle not only the subjects above mentioned but also the subjects suggested by you.

The Committee sincerely hopes that each of you will respond promptly to this request so that it may determine the subjects to be selected for this year's meeting and arrange with the men who are to handle them so that everything will be in readiness well in advance of the meeting.

Yours very truly,
 ROY A. PLOYHAR
 Committee Chairman
 Valley City, North Dakota

MILITARY GOVERNMENT GENERAL COURT

Excerpt from a letter of Captain Lynn G. Grimson:
 "Had a very interesting day yesterday, in the law business again. I mentioned in my last letter, I believe, a Military Government General Court trial I had attended. It was only partly tried that day, about half of the prosecution's case was presented. Yesterday the case was to be finished, and the officer presenting the prosecution was unavailable, so they called me at 10:00 in the morning and I had to take over and finish it up. The Court rules are a little different from the Courts Martial rules, and be-