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Administration at Fargo, North Dakota, relative to the vast amount of correspondence it has with members of the legal profession on Veterans' rights and entitlements. The contact officer suggests that the most authoritative information on this subject can be obtained through Veterans Administration pamphlet No. 44, entitled "Veterans Benefits". He also states that this pamphlet may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents at a cost of 15c a copy, and suggests that the lawyers of this State obtain this pamphlet. I was furnished a copy of this pamphlet and I can recommend it to the profession as being a very good explanation of the veterans' rights and entitlements.

Sincerely,  
 ROY A. PLOYHAR  
 President.

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#### MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

Meeting of the Executive Committee was held pursuant to call at the Graver Hotel in Fargo, N. D., at 9:30, September 6th, 1945, and all members of the committee were present except two.

A general discussion on the date of the next Annual Meeting of the Association was had in view of the relaxation of the rule of the Defense Transportation Administration as to holding of such a meeting; in view of the time necessary to prepare for the Legal Sections program, it was the sense of the committee that the next meeting be held in May, 1946.

A committee consisting of O. B. Heringstad and O. R. Benson was appointed to prepare suitable resolutions on the death of President William G. Owens, that the same be spread upon the minutes of this committee, published in Bar Briefs and sent to members of his family.

President Ployhar will soon appoint the Legislative Committee. And by vote of the committee the president is to act as Chairman.

Budget of expenditures as proposed by the Secretary and Treasurer was approved, for the year 1945-46.

A report by a special committee of the Cass County Bar Association which has been approved and adopted at its meeting was filed with the executive committee, and after consideration it was referred to the Legislative Committee with approval in substance of its various propositions.

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#### FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT BAR ASSOCIATION MEET

George A. Soule, Fargo attorney, was elected president of the First Judicial District Bar Association Wednesday night at a dinner given by the Cass County Bar Association in the Graver Coffee Shop, at which members of the state bar association executive committee were guests.

Other district officers are Lester T. Sproul of Valley City, vice president, and Mart R. Vogel of Fargo, secretary and treasurer. The district includes Cass, Grand Forks, Nelson, Steele, Griggs, Barnes counties.

E. T. Conmy of Fargo, president of the Cass County Bar Association, presided and Mr. Vogel was chairman in charge of the banquet.

Members of the state executive committee present included Roy A. Ployhar of Valley City, acting president; O. B. Herigstad of Minot, past president; H. P. Jacobson of Mott, Fred Graham of Ellendale, O. B. Benson of Bottineau, Mr. Soule of Fargo, M. L. McBride of Dickinson, state secretary.

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### THE SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE

By David A. Simmons

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Consultant to the United States Delegation at the United Nations Conference  
in San Francisco

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The next morning a New York newspaper carried a three-column headline to the effect that the spokesman of the American Bar Association was attempting to pressure the American Delegation into forming an anti-Russian bloc. Nothing could have been farther from the truth, as I was merely discussing a fundamental American principle and never once mentioned Russia or her position on the matter.

Fortunately, the Russian correspondents took the product of the sensational press with a large grain of salt. One of them was reported as saying: "Can anything be concealed from the ubiquitous American press? The correspondents succeed fairly quickly in getting wind of what is being discussed at a closed conference, but to get wind of a subject does not mean truthfully reporting and explaining it. Every day, every hour the press, and particularly the local press, is full of assumptions, conjectures and open and concealed provocation."

I do not mean to imply that the press in general did not do an excellent job of reporting the Conference. I think they did; but with 2,700 correspondents purporting to give their views, it is not surprising that the American public did not in all instances get a clear and factual statement of what was going on. The Charter is a legal document and, as many of its provisions use phrases having a legal background, it is understandable that laymen might occasionally interpret them in terms of expediency. The lawyers of America, therefore, have an obligation to study the Charter and explain its principles to the people of America.

In view of the world-shaking events of the past few years which have conditioned the living and thinking of all our citizens; I believe we may safely assume their maturity and discuss frankly