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### LAWYERS MAKE USE OF RADIO

The March issue of the American Bar Association Journal brought the information that the Bar of the City of New York had arranged with the National Broadcasting Company for the delivery of a series of radio talks by prominent lawyers on "Fundamentals of the Law."

These talks have been sent out, beginning with the subject, "What is the Constitution?" by Hon. Louis Marshall, on March 6th, and will continue Tuesday evenings over station WJZ. Beginning with April 17th, the subjects will be: April 17—"Three Departments of Government"; April 24—"Nation and States"; May 1—"Supreme Law of the Land"; May 8—"Federal Bill of Rights"; May 15—"Search and Seizure"; May 22—"Fourteenth Amendment"; May 29—"Due Process of Law"; June 5—"Freedom of Speech"; and June 12—"International Law". Charles E. Hughes, John W. Davis, George W. Wickersham, James M. Beck and Henry W. Taft will be among the speakers.

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### CONGRESSIONAL ACTIVITY

The Congressional Record for March 26, 1928, discloses an interesting and enlightening discussion on the following bill, then before the lower house:

"Be it enacted that it shall be unlawful for any person or persons wilfully or knowingly to give, or send, or cause to be sent, or to make a false or fictitious report to the police of a commission of any crime within the District of Columbia. Anyone violating the provisions of this act shall be liable to a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$100 or to imprisonment not exceeding 30 days, or to both such fine and imprisonment."

The discussion will be found on pages 5582 to 5588, inclusive, of the record for that day.

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### COMMUNIST ACTIVITY

A tour to Russia was recently financed by Communists of America for the purpose of studying the Russian situation. One of the group of seventy-five who left from San Francisco returned and reported the expedition a failure, claiming that all activities had been pre-arranged and that contacts were limited to Commissars and members of the Communist Party. The assertion was also made that the tour was preliminary to an American movement for the abolition of existing military defenses, elimination of Citizens Military Training Camps and reserve officers training corps in colleges and schools.

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### NOTE THE COMMA

Some years ago the editor had an interesting experience with a justice of the peace, who, though far removed from the madding throngs, knew the King's English, and never underestimated the value of a comma. We note the statute hasn't been changed, and suggest that attorneys watch their step. We quote Section 9028 of the Compiled Laws: "In a justice's court the parties may appear and act in person or by attorney and any person may act as attorney except a practicing attorney, or other person occupying the same room in which the justice has his office, or a person employed in serving the summons or venire."