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the committee to give more than cursory attention to these proposals. The bill on property previously taxed passed the House but died in the Senate Rules Committee. The powers of appointment amendments were the only ones which became law, they being adopted as Chapter 185 of the 1951 Session Laws. The new powers of appointment sections are complicated and may produce administrative difficulties and hardships. They are, however, intended to make it clear that the tax (inheritance or gift) is applicable only to the transaction by which the power is created, and, although the tax may be measured by the exercise of the power, that a second tax is not imposed by reason of such exercise.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGAL SERVICES

TO THE ARMED FORCES

BY GEORGE H. REVELLE

I have felt that being a new committee to the Bar in a sense, and there being some questions among some of the lawyers as to its work, and a doubt as to its knowledge, that I should bring that report to your attention here so that if any benefit can come from you in the convention to change the committee's operation, the opportunity is offered.

The committee appointed pursuant to the request of the American Bar Association began proceedings by an examination of the procedures used during World War II, procedures used by other integrated bar associations and procedures suggested by the parent committee of the American Bar Association.

We adopted the general plan of operating through committees of the local bar associations appointed by the local associations for that purpose. Purpose, policy and procedure were established therefore as filed in the office of the State Bar Association.

Briefly the purpose of the committee was to be sure that the members of the armed forces, both who were serving in this state on leave, or are acquainted with death and loss in another state, and those of this state who are serving throughout the world, that they have the means of reaching legal services when they need them. The work of the committee is so that members of the armed services who were residents of the state of Washington, who have never had any contact with a lawyer and need one, go to a legal officer in the service, and

that legal officer then does not give him advice but has the means before him to get that man in touch with a lawyer.

Briefly our system is to refer any of those requests from the armed services directly to the local bar association committee or the Bar Association itself, who, in turn, puts the armed services member in touch with one or more lawyers in the community.

It is especially important to realize that that work, even though some members of our Bar do not believe in it, eliminates the practice that did exist in the county which I came from, where certain particular members of the Bar made certain particular efforts to obtain all of the referrals from the local military establishments. I am pretty sure that such a situation does not exist in this state at this time.

Response was received from the following associations: Clark County—Lloyd LaLonde, Vancouver, chairman; Grant County—Clifton Collins, Soap Lake, chairman; King County—Bruce Shorts, Seattle, chairman; Spokane County—Warden Hanel, chairman; Walla Walla County—Murray Taggart, Walla Walla, chairman; Whitman County—Claude K. Irwin, Pullman, chairman; Yakima County—new chairman monthly.

No response was received from the following, indicating areas where the problem has not been solved:

Adams, Benton-Franklin, Chelan, Clallam, Cowlitz, Ferry, Grays Harbor, Island, Kitsap, Kittitas, Lewis, Okanogan, Pacific, Pend Oreille, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, Stevens, Thurston-Mason, Tacoma, and Whatcom.

Your committee also revised the Compendium of the Laws of Washington for publication by the American Bar Association and distribution to legal assistance officers of the Armed Services throughout the world.

Local committees were requested to effect liaison with all the principal armed services installations in their particular area, but the work of this committee is not complete due to non-cooperation of part of the bar in general and some of the local associations in particular. Further, your committee is not competent to handle these matters in every local area in the state without assistance of local associations. Part of the lack of cooperation is undoubtedly the result of a feeling of certain members of the bar who sincerely maintain that any referral system is inequitable and should be suppressed.

We respectfully submit that the work of this special committee

should continue and be expanded to all areas of the state through education and cooperation of the members of the bar and through active cooperation of local area committees. Otherwise, the association will fail in an important phase of public relations and in our responsibilities as a profession.

REPORT OF LEGAL INSTITUTE COMMITTEE

BY CLARENCE J. COLEMAN

The Board of Governors this year requested the committee each time that the Board of Governors met in the various communities to put on an institute. Most of the communities chose "Trial Practice" and institutes were held in Walla Walla and Tacoma. At Spokane they asked for "Estate Planning."

Next year the committee hopes in conjunction with the University of Washington and Gonzaga Law Schools to be able to put on an institute and cover some subject such as "Taxation." Since the lawyers are saying that the accountants should not practice law in regard to taxation, it should really rest upon the lawyers to get better acquainted with taxation; and so the committee really hopes to be able to put on a program that will be of help with taxation. However, you need experts for that sort of thing. A charge must be made and you will be charged for that. I assume that the Board of Governors will want to have those meetings in your communities at the same time they have their regular meetings, and my suggestion to the local bar associations is: when they decide what they want us to put on, and when we know that the Board of Governors will be there, we will get a panel for that subject.

I want to express my appreciation on behalf of the committee for the excellent support, and the attendance was very good and we got a very fine reception and cooperation.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SELECTION OF JUDGES

BY PHILIP D. MACBRIDE

The previous report of the committee, I think, summarizes the activities. Since it has been prepared there have been a couple of additional vacancies. Otherwise, I think that the report as presented stands.

As pointed out in the report, the duties vary with regard to superior