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The fabric of modern society is torn today by a bitter ideological conflict which is swirling over many areas of the world. This conflict, shorn of its outer ramifications, is essentially a struggle for the minds of men. The traditional values of American life are under violent and malicious attack. The Communist hordes, employing weapons of deceit, fraud, and vilification and reinforced by the despotic power of totalitarian states, are battling, unceasingly, to annihilate western democracy.

The supremacy of law, the regulation of men's affairs through impartial enforcement of established codes of jurisprudence, and the protection of the individual against the tyranny of the state, represent the salient and basic differences between totalitarianism and democracy. The dictator state is oblivious of legal safeguards for personal rights, of the rules of evidence, or of trial by jury. The secret police, armed with such coercive instruments as clandestine arrests, brutal third degree methods, and concentration camps, impose a system of organized terror designed to suppress the citizens into conformity with the will of the ruling elite.

The law enforcement profession in the United States has a vital role to play in defense of the liberties and traditions of our system of constitutional government. Its code of conduct, involving scrupulous regard for civil rights, inculcation of respect for the law, and eternal vigilance against infiltration by subversive elements, compels it to stand on the outer defensive ramparts of our society. Training in the history and workings of the law, on the part of the peace officer, is of inestimable value in the efficient discharge of his duties. The officer realizes, more than ever, that he is the servant of the people whose sacred duty is to protect the rights and insure the safety of the citizens from whom his mandate to public office stems. His legal training impresses firmly upon him the deep responsibility which he bears to his fellow men.

The FBI for many years has recognized the value of a legal education for its Special Agent personnel. The formal educational qualifications presently demanded of Special Agent applicants require that these men be graduates from either an accredited law or accounting school. Legal training enables the Special Agents to analyze quickly the maze of trivialities, gossip, and unfounded accusations encountered during an investigation and to isolate the essential facts which later can be successfully introduced as evidence in a court of law.

The law enforcement agencies of America have met grave challenges during both times of peace and times of war. The vicious hoodlum menace

of the 1930's and the varied and complex problems arising after the outbreak of hostilities in Europe were mastered. I am fully satisfied that as long as the law enforcement profession merits the continued trust and confidence of the public, it will be able to fulfill its obligations to the citizens of the United States. We need have no fear for the ultimate victory of our democratic system, in the present bitter, worldwide ideological war, as long as all elements of our society work together, unselfishly and devotedly. The key to success is national teamwork.

## **Amendments to Colorado Rules of Procedure**

At the request of the Supreme Court of Colorado, the Rules Committee of the Supreme Court has studied the amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure recently adopted, and as a result has recommended to the Supreme Court of Colorado the adoption of a number of amendments to the Colorado Rules of Procedure. A limited number of copies of the amendments thus submitted have been printed by the Supreme Court. Copies have been sent to each District Judge in the State, and to the Secretary of each local Bar Association.

Any lawyer interested in examining these proposed amendments, and the report of the Committee with respect thereto, before the Supreme Court takes formal action thereon, should communicate with the Secretary of his local association, or with the District Judge of his district. Each member of the Rules Committee has a few copies which are available on loan to interested lawyers.

Committee members are:

JEAN S. BREITENSTEIN, *Chairman*, Symes Bldg., Denver.

PERCY S. MORRIS, Security Life Building, Denver.

THOMAS KEELY, International Trust Bldg., Denver.

V. H. JOHNSON, Cheyenne Wells.

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So far as we are advised no additional printing of the proposed amendments at this time is contemplated.

## **Poyen Resigns; New Secretary Appointed**

Effective November 15, John S. Poyen resigned as Secretary-Treasurer of the Denver Bar Association and Secretary of the Colorado Bar Association.

Mr. Poyen is leaving the associations and private practice to take a position with Fred M. Manning, Inc. William B. Miller, formerly with Van Cise and Van Cise, has been appointed to take over the bar offices left vacant by Mr. Poyen. Temporarily, the office of the secretary-treasurer will continue to be located at 635 Majestic Building.