and Legal Philosophy.)

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3. Law of Civil Procedure and Bankruptcy

The 51st convention of the Japanese Association of the Law of Civil Procedure was held at the Okuma auditorium of Waseda University from 9.30 a.m., May 17, 1981. In spite of the pouring rain there were many participants and lively discussions were held on the various reports. The titles of the reports and reporters were as follows:

- (1) "Die Einstellung der Exekution," by Prof. Akio Kiyota of Kanazawa University.
- (2) "Die Aufklärungspflicht und der Auskunftsanspruch der Parteien des Zivilprozesses," by Assoc. Prof. Ichiro Kasuga of Dokkyo University.
- (3) "Die Sammlung vom Prozeß- und Beweismaterial im Zivilprozeß," by Assoc. Prof. Hideyuki Kobayashi of Sophia (Jochi) University.
- (4) "Trends of Practice since the Enforcement of the Law of Civil Execution," by Shingo Minami and Toshiji Sato, judges of Tokyo district court.

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4. Criminal Law and Procedure

The Criminal Law Society of Japan held its 58th general meet-

ing at Aichi University on Oct. 17 and 18, 1981. The titles of the reports and the reporters are as follows:

[Individual Reports]

- 1. "Theory of Qualification of Crimes Centering on Soviet Criminal Law," by Assoc. Prof. Tatsuhiko Ueno of Mie University.
- 2. "Standard of Judgment of Irresponsibility and Diminished Responsibility —Theory and Practice," by Norio Onoda.
- 3. "Historical Study of Prosecution System in Connection with the Establishment of the German Prosecution System," by Assoc. Prof. Hideaki Kawasaki of Shimane University.
- 4. "History of Contemporary Concept of Legal Benefit (Rechtsgut) and Problems of Theory of Criminal Illegality," by Lect. Kensuke Ito of Kanazawa University.
- 5. "A Study of Presumption of Consent (mutmaßliche Einwilligung)," by Lect. Katsuhiko Sunouchi of Ehime University.

[Reports of Joint Studies]

- 1. "Retrospect and Prospect on the Theory of Complicity," chaired by Prof. Yoshikatsu Naka of Kansai University.
- (i) "Conspiratorial Joint," by Prof. Fumio Natsume of Aichi University.
- (ii) "Theory of Complicity by Criminal Negligent Behaviors," by Prof. Fumiaki Uchida of Hokkaido University.
- (iii) "Reflection of Theory of Complicity from the Standpoint of Law of Procedure," by Prof. Heikichi Ohno of Hiroshima University.
- 2. "Freedom of Information and Criminal Law," chaired by Prof. Hiroshi Itakura of Nihon University.
- (i) "Criminal Law Problems centering on Freedom of Information including Computer Crimes," by Prof. Hiroshi Itakura of Nihon University.

- (ii) "Handling of Law Enforcement File in FOIA in the United States," by Prof. Masanari Sakamoto of Hiroshima University.
- (iii) "Freedom of Information and Law of Criminal Procedure," by Prof. Hideo Niwayama of Chukyo University.
- (iv) "Protection of Privacy by Criminal Law, Problem on Harmony of Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy," by Prof. Munenobu Hirakawa of Nagoya University.

[Lecture]

On "New Criminal Law in China," by Prof. Atsushi Asai of Aichi University.

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5. Commercial Law

The 45th General Meeting of the Japan Association of Private Law was held at Kobe Gakuin University on Oct. 10 and 11, 1981. The main theme of a symposium held jointly by the Commercial Law Department and the Civil Law Department at the general meeting was "Contracts of Adhesion."

Since contracts of adhesion have so much to do with our every-day life, discussions on such a theme are very important. Because of the large nature of the theme, however, it was difficult to cover the entire range in a single symposium. The joint symposium was significant as an attempt to probe into the important problem of modern society.

(For details, see Activities of Academic Societies, Law of Property and obligations.)

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