

4. “Zur Aufklärungspflicht der nicht beweisbelasteten Partei im Zivilprozeß,” by Prof. Dr. Peter Arens of Freiburg University.

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4. Criminal Law and Procedure

The Criminal Law Society of Japan held its general meeting twice this year, in spring and autumn.

A. The 59th general meeting of the society was held at Chuo University on April 3 and 4, 1982. The titles of individual and joint reports were as follows:

[Individual Reports]

1. “A Study on *Actio Libera In Causa*,” by Assoc. Prof. Osamu Maruyama of Hokkai Gakuen University.

2. “Problems and Outlook of Community Treatment, centering on Parole in England,” by Assoc. Prof. Akira Segawa of Doshisha University.

3. “Principle: *Non Bis in Idem* in International Criminal Law,” by LL.M. Masahiro Aichi of Nagoya University.

[Joint Reports]

1. “Various Problems of International Criminal Law.” Chairman: Prof. Koichi Miyazawa of Keio Gijuku University.

(1) “Current Issues on International Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters,” by Prof. Tadashi Morishita of Hiroshima University.

(2) “International Assistance in Criminal Investigation,” by Akio Harada, Director of Judicial System Division, Minister’s Secretariat, Minister of Justice.

(3) “Current Topics on International Criminal Investigation,”

by Hiroshi Yanagisawa, Assistant Director of the International Criminal Affairs Division, Criminal Affairs Bureau, Police Agency.

(4) "Theory and Practice in Extradition," by Lect. Ensho Chin of Chukyo University.

A lecture was delivered by Minoru Shikita of the United Nations Secretariat on "Functions of the United Nations in Connection with Development of International Criminal Law."

[Workshop]

As part of the new projects of the current general meeting, separate discussion meetings were held by those present at the general meeting. Participants took part in respective discussions on the following themes:

(1) Crime by Omission, (2) Question of Free Will in the Criminal Law, (3) Criminal Law and Criminology, (4) Death Penalty, (5) Disposition of Petty Offense, and (6) Methodology of Studies on Trial Error.

B. The 60th general meeting of the society was held at Ritsumeikan University on Oct. 9 and 10, 1982. The titles of individual and joint reports were as follows:

[Individual Reports]

1. "Objective Theory of Attempts and Concept of Danger," by LL.M. Shiro Muneoka of Kyushu University.

2. "A Study on the Community Service Orders — in Connection with Development and Discussion in England," by Assoc. Prof. Takayuki Miyake of Okinawa International University.

3. "On Criminal Thought of Bentham" by Assoc. Prof. Hirobumi Uchida of Kobe Gakuin University.

[Joint Reports]

"On Recent Legislative Problems — Centering on Two Bills relating to Facilities." Chairman: Prof. Koya Matsuo of Tokyo University. Problems proposed by Prof. Junji Abe of Tohoku University, Prof. Atsushi Fukui of Hosei University, Prof. Masu-

yuki Morimoto of Shimane University, and Prof. Koichiro Yokoyama of Kyushu University.

[Lecture]

“The Right to Counsel of Attorney and Public Defender System,” by Prof. Roark M. Reed of Southern Methodist University.

[Workshop]

Participants took part in discussions on the five themes including (1) Insanity, (2) Negligence in Controlling, (3) Libel and Slander, (4) Juvenile Law, and (5) *Direction des Débat*.

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5. Commercial Law

The 46th General Meeting of the *Japan Association of Private Law* was held at the School of Law, Hosei University, on Oct. 10 and 11, 1982. The Commercial Law Division held a symposium on the themes of “Central Depository System of Securities” and “Law of Personal Accident Insurance Contract.”

The legislative work concerning the central depository system of securities has been under way. As of October, 1982, the Councilor’s Office of the Civil Affairs Bureau, the Justice Ministry, announced a “Plan for Central Depository System of Securities.” In the symposium dealing with the central depository system of securities, discussions were held on the basis of the report of Prof. Ichiro Kawamoto of Kobe University entitled “Circulation of Securities under the Central Depository System of Securities” and that of Prof. Hitoshi Maeda of Gakushuin