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[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

University entitled "Relationship between Stockholders and the Issuing Corporation under the Central Depository System of Securities."

As for personal accident insurance there are no specific provisions in the present Commercial Code, but it is the field which has made a rapid progress from about 1965. Taking note of the ever growing need to protect policyholders in this field, the Insurance Law Study Group announced in July, 1981, its "draft plan, accompanied by an explanatory statement, on the proposed law of personal accident insurance contract," and the study group in its draft plan proposed that provisions dealing with personal accident insurance be added as the third section, in addition to the existing two sections concerning non-life insurance and life-insurance in Chapter 10, Book III, Commercial Code. In the symposium, discussions were held on the basis of the report of Prof. Akio Takeuchi of Tokyo University on "Problems of Law of Personal Accident Insurance Contract" and that of Prof. Masaaki Nakanishi of Osaka University on "Various Detailed Problems of Draft Plan for Law of Personal Accident Insurance Contract."

Other individual reports submitted at the general meeting were as follows:

1. "Sur les effets généraux de l'inscription au registre du commerce — Ce que suggère la législation française —" by Assoc. Prof. Toru Kato of Wakayama University.

2. "Typologie im Gesellschaftsrecht" by Prof. Shiro Shinoda of Meijo University.

3. "Über die wechselseitige Beteiligung — Die gesetzgeberischen Vorschläge" by Assoc. Prof. Eiichi Izumida of Toyama University.

4. "Über die 'Gutschrift' im deutschen Girogeschäft" by Lect. Masahiko Matsui of Ottemon Gakuin University.

5. "Die Wechselbürgschaft ohne die Angabe des Avalierten" by Assoc. Prof. Kensuke Tachiki of Fukuoka University.

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