

Grimm had pursued the symbolism of law and, as a result, structured historical jurisprudence in the true sense of the term on the basis of the triad of law, language and history.

Ozaki's report discussed international law from the standpoint that coercion was not necessarily essential as the essence of law. In international law, power does not transform into legal coercion in reflection of the special nature of international society, and that it functions in most cases outside of the law in the form of natural power not very well tamed, so to speak. According to Ozaki, the present stage of international law is in a defective state, and the function inherent in law does not work because of the special nature of the social foundation on which it rests.

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8. International Law

The spring congress of *the Japanese Association of International Law* was held at Fukuoka University on May 16. The following reports were made on the respective subjects.

On the joint theme of "Modern Science and Technology and International Law," chaired by Prof. Eiichi Fukatsu of Nihon University.

—"Limitations on the Control over Weather Modification Activities by International Law," by Assoc. Prof. Tomiki Saeki of Aichi Prefectural University.

—"Space Technologies as Factors Causing Changes in International Law," by Assoc. Prof. Toshio Kosuge of Telecommunications University.

—"Significance of Universal Jurisdiction to International Crimes," by Assoc. Prof. Masahiro Nishii of Kyoto University. Chairman: Prof. Shigeki Miyazaki of Meiji University.

—"Theories of International Politics in Mainland China," by

Prof. Tatsumi Okabe of Tokyo Metropolitan University. Chairman: Prof. Tatsuo Kobayashi of Kokugakuin University.

The autumn congress of *the Japanese Association of International Law* was held at Chuo University on Oct. 16 and 17 under the joint theme of "Methods of Settling International Disputes."

[First Day, Oct. 16]

Reports of the first session on "Nature of Recent International Disputes," chaired by Prof. Michitoshi Takahashi of Nihon University.

— "Political Factors at Outbreak of International Disputes and Systems of Its Settlement" by Prof. Hisakazu Usui of Dokkyo University.

— "Trial and Mediation as Means of Settling International Disputes," by Prof. Yuichi Takano of Sophia University.

Reports of the second session on "Status of Private Persons and State in State Contracts," chaired by Prof. Masato Miura of Osaka Municipal University.

— "The Jurisdictional Immunity and the Applicable Law in the State Contract," by Prof. Keizo Yamamoto of Hiroshima University.

— "The Function of Arbitration Clauses in State Contracts," by Prof. Shigeo Kawagishi of Kobe Gakuin University.

There was a special lecture by Judge Shigeru Oda of the International Court of Justice on "Seven Years at International Court of Justice."

[Second Day, Oct. 17]

Reports of the third session on "Procedures to Settle Disputes Relating to International Economy and Natural Resources," chaired by Prof. Takao Sawaki of Rikkyo University.

— "System of International Commercial Arbitration," by Prof. Toshio Sawada of Sophia University.

— "Diversification of Procedures to Settle International Disputes in the Law of the Sea," by Prof. Yukito Makita of Shimane Uni-

versity.

Reports of the fourth session on "Non-Judicial Settlement of International Disputes," chaired by Prof. Shigeru Kozai of Kyoto University.

—"Political Significance of Dispute Arbitration Functions of the United Nations Secretary-General," by Prof. Shizuo Saito of Aoyama Gakuin University.

—"Significance of Non-Judicial Settlement of International Disputes," by Prof. Ko Nakamura of Keio University.

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9. Comparative Law

The Japan Society of Comparative Law held its 45th general meeting at Hiroshima University on May 9 and 10.

[The First Day]

The first-day session was devoted to a symposium on "Comparative Legal Study of Solatium." Following introductory remarks by Prof. Ichiro Kato of Tokyo University, following participants made respective reports:

France, by Prof. Takehisa Awaji of Rikkyo University.

The Federal Republic of Germany, by Assoc. Prof. Michitaro Urakawa of Waseda University.

Switzerland, by Assoc. Prof. Osamu Saito of Kobe University of Commerce.

Soviet Union, by Assoc. Prof. Taiichiro Ohe of Shizuoka University.

United Kingdom, by Assoc. Prof. Yoshinobu Tai of Doshisha University.

United States, by Prof. Isshu Takahashi of Hosei University.