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A TRIBUTE TO OUR SENIOR COLLEAGUES

This page has been appropriated from the control of this volume's editor, Professor John Hazard, in order to allow us to include him among those senior colleagues we wish to honor by dedicating to them this volume of the United States contributions to the XIIIth Congress of the International Academy of Comparative Law.

With this Congress we enter the last decade of a century marked by turmoil, abominations, and hopes, marked in particular by an unceasing stream of voluntary and involuntary migrations of all classes and manner of peoples, among them large numbers of scholars and teachers. We have been fortunate, in the United States, that many of them enriched our academic and intellectual life through their contributions to comparative law; and we have been doubly fortunate in the large number who have been able to do so over long, productive lives.

These six colleagues have been honored individually many times — on appropriate birthdays, on their first retirement, some on successive retirements. By honoring them collectively, and especially by noting the fact that five of them have met the qualifying requirement of an eightieth birthday, we can reflect also on the significance of their substantial overlap with this century. Julius Hay titled his autobiography *Born 1900*, and throughout the book often spoke of himself in the third person, as the century personified. None of our honorees can quite claim that span, but each bears personal witness to the sources of the century's upheavals. Their work derives not only from the struggle to bring law to bear on these upheavals, but also from the specific role of comparative law in helping the rule of law meet its political and societal challenges.

Dr. Vera Bolgár, to whom much of the foregoing also applies, represents the institutional standing of our discipline. Not only a respected scholar in her own right, she was "present at the creation," working from the inception on the *American Journal of Comparative Law* in 1952 until 1970 with its first editor, Professor Yntema, and his successor, Professor Conard, to establish its quality and reputation.

Perhaps working in comparative law, with its multiple national strands, like conducting an orchestra with its multiple voices, promotes productive longevity — can any other branch look upon proportionally so large a number of active colleagues of this age? Indeed, had we not cast the net so tightly as to subject matter, aca-

demic affiliation, and age, we would happily include here such eminent scholars in related fields as David Daube and Stephan Kuttner, such eminent practitioners of comparative law as Ernst Stiefel, and such comparative youngsters as Alfred Conard.

We surely speak for all members of the American Association for the Comparative Study of Law, and all editors of the *American Journal of Comparative Law*, in affectionately saluting:

Edgar Bodenheimer, born 1908, teacher at the University of Utah and the University of California at Davis;

Vera Bolgár, Executive Secretary of the *American Journal of Comparative Law* from its founding in 1952 until 1970, and affiliated with the University of Michigan since 1949;

John N. Hazard, born 1909, teacher at Columbia University;

Friedrich Kessler, born 1901, teacher at Yale University, the University of Chicago, and the University of California at Berkeley;

Stefan A. Riesenfeld, born 1908, teacher at the University of Minnesota, at the University of California at Berkeley, and at the Hastings College of the Law of the University of California;

Rudolf B. Schlesinger, born 1909, teacher at Cornell University and at the Hastings College of the Law of the University of California.

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