

"Law and California Society: 100 Years of the State Constitution" title of pamphlet available from history department

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"Law and California Society: 100 Years of the State Constitution" is the title of a pamphlet containing nine essays by leading jurists, historians and legal scholars, now available to libraries, educators, and private individuals by the University of California, San Diego's history department.

The pamphlet was published by the San Diego Union, and it reprints its essays from two November issues of the Union. The essays, in turn, were first presented as lectures at UCSD at the 1979 Warren Memorial Symposium, honoring the late Chief Justice Earl Warren, and commemorating the centennial of the 1879 California state constitution.

Featured in the 28-page publication are essays on a century of criminal law in California, by Lawrence M. Friedman, who is the Marion Rice Kirkwood Professor of Law at Stanford; a study of the state constitution and ethnic pluralism, by Justice Frenk Newman of the California Supreme Court; and an analysis of the 1879 constitutional convention by David Johnson, a historian teaching at Portland State University.

Harry N. Scheiber, professor of history at UCSD, contributed an essay on a century of California resource law, while the subject of women's rights under the state constitution is considered in a piece by Sister Sally Furay, vice president and professor of law at the University of San Diego.

Federal Appellate Court Judge Arthur L. Alarcon examines the California constitution and the federal courts from 1929 to 1979, while a companion piece by Charles McCurdy, associate professor of law and history at the University of Virginia, deals with the same subject for the 1879-1929 period.

The record of constitutional revision is treated in an essay by Marjorie Spear of the National Municipal League, while school integration and California law is the subject of a contribution by Harold Hart-Nebbrig, Los Angeles attorney.

Printed by the Union as a public service, "Law and California Society" may be obtained for a mailing and handling charge of 35 cents per copy (coin or stamps) by writing to: Constitutional Symposium, History Department, C-004, UCSD, La Jolla, CA 92093.

Professor Scheiber, who directed the Warren Memorial Symposium, stated that UCSD hopes the pamphlet will be widely used in teaching of history and social studies in the state's schools.

"We still conduct our daily lives to a remarkable degree under the California constitution," he said, "yet students and the general public give state law attention only in moments of crisis."

This pamphlet, he said, is the first effort by any institution in the state to provide analysis of important issues in California's legal history for schools and the general public.

Essays in the pamphlet "raise a host of new questions, the answers to which are vitally important to all Californians," writes UCSD Chancellor William McElroy in an introduction to the essays that appear in the pamphlet.

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