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## PROFESSOR JULIUS STONE

IN COMMEMORATION OF TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SCHOLARSHIP

The year of this issue marks a notable event in the history of the Law School. Twenty-five years ago, Professor Stone joined the Faculty as Challis Professor of International Law and Jurisprudence. For those associated with him, this anniversary has provided a welcome occasion to recall and to honour him for, the outstanding contributions he has made during those years to scholarship, to teaching and to university and public affairs.

Even in 1942 it seemed fortunate indeed that Professor Stone had chosen a position at Sydney. His published books and articles had already displayed learning, realism and a most unusual capacity to illumine the depths of his subject. Recognition of this had come with the award of Oxford's D.C.L. at the age of 28. But it has been the years at Sydney that have seen the abundant realization of his potential for creative scholarship.

One inevitably turns first to the work in jurisprudence. The year 1946 saw the publication of *The Province and Function of Law*. The period since has fully validated the contemporary conclusion of Mr. Justice Else Mitchell (as he now is) that the book "is one of the outstanding juristic works of the present century". In 1964 it received the Swiney Prize for Jurisprudence of the Royal Society of Arts, England's highest award in this field. From it has come *Legal System and Lawyers' Reasonings* (1964), *Human Law and Human Justice* (1965) and *Social Dimensions of Law and Justice* (1966). Two reviewers recently commented that publication of this trilogy "requires that the following question be asked of any subsequent piece of jurisprudential prose: What does it add to Stone?" Appropriately and with pleasure, we are able to publish in the present issue three comments on it.

If to many Professor Stone seems preeminently a scholar in "the lawyer's extraversion", it is striking that he is equally distinguished in his second field. *Legal Controls of International Conflict* (1954), *Aggression and World Order* (1958) and *Quest for Survival* (1961) have done much to bring international law to grips with modern realities. Professor Stone's scholarship in this field has been honoured by an award of the American Society of International Law in 1956, by the first World Law Research Award in 1965 and by full membership of l'Institut de Droit International in September of this year.

To such works and honours many could be added. In all, in his quarter-century at Sydney, Professor Stone has published some twenty books and sixty articles. He has held fifteen visiting professorships and countless guest

lectureships. *The Sydney Law Review* is especially indebted to Professor Stone as he was its General Editor during its first seven years. He also founded the Australian Society of Legal Philosophy. All this has been in addition to the fluency and enthusiasm which he has brought to the important work of teaching thousands of students in Australia, the United States, India and Israel. It is in addition, moreover, to his continued services to University administration and a wide range of public affairs.

This record clearly betokens faithful tilling of such a small plot of time. It demonstrates that Professor Stone has adhered unremittingly to his high ideal of dedicated scholarship and teaching. The temptations to leave his desk to participate in a heady whirl of international, national and administrative activities must have been frequent. The years at Sydney have perhaps fostered application by providing opportunities for reflection which might have been denied elsewhere. The opportunities, however, would have come to little without sheer hard work. And the labours have been so worthwhile because of the fine qualities which Professor Stone brings to them; qualities of depth of understanding, a feeling for broad movements in law and the social sciences, a clear perception of general concepts and a grasp of social realities.

Throughout, Professor Stone has constantly inquired of every rule and institution, "what are you good for?", but has done so with a remarkably open and receptive mind. Similarly, his approach to students and their suggestions has been encouraging and sympathetic. Essentially his manner and thought is constructive, without trace of the cynical or formalistic. He has remained adaptable and kindly. At the same time he has revealed outstanding courage in speaking out for causes in the advancement of scholarship or humanity.

Most who have known Professor Stone in Sydney have known him as a teacher. When moving the toast to Professor Stone at a Law Society Dinner held to honour this anniversary, Mr. Justice Sugerman said of the significance of these contacts: "Julius Stone has demonstrated to us over twenty-five years that he is a devoted and dedicated teacher and scholar. The words which we have heard in the lecture halls may long since have been forgotten, but the impress of a powerful mind may still remain to be discerned in many generations of lawyers who have come under its influence in their youth. The old saying goes that taught law is tough law and in a related sense taught jurisprudence is tough jurisprudence. When we have to resolve for ourselves the problems which the books obstinately refuse to solve for us—and this happens often in the higher flights of legal practice—the answers which we give may be dictated by many voices. But we may be sure that amongst the most clamant, though usually unrecognised and unacknowledged, is the jurisprudence which we have been taught in our youth. It takes time, of course, for the influence of a teacher to be felt in this manner, but it may endure for a long period. Professor Stone has been with us now for 25 years and I know that he takes pleasure from the fact that some of his former pupils have already taken seats on the bench and others occupy leading places in the practice of the profession. The heaven, it may be said, is now working."

Those associated with the *Review* join with the many scholars, judges, practitioners and students in congratulating Professor Stone on the attainment of twenty-five years in the position he now holds and wish him good health in the continuation of his work: "May he long continue to shed the light and lustre of his learning upon this University."