

DEPARTMENT

PROGRAMS IN LAW AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

The Center for the Study of Law and Society at the University of California has received a Ford Foundation grant to support a program of studies of criminal law and social policy. The five-year grant was awarded to the Center and the Earl Warren Legal Center. Activity under the grant will focus on theoretical and empirical studies of "law and order." Among the participants are Caleb Foote, who is studying the nature and uses of judicial discretion; Sanford Kadish and Mortimer Kadish, studying variations in the ways in which legal systems deal with departures from rules; Jerome Skolnick, on leave from the University of Chicago, studying with Richard Spiegelman the process of penal code revision; Paul Jacobs, working on the governance of police; and Rodney Stark, embarking on a series of field studies of crises in law and order.

Last spring, Carl Werthman taught a special university course, taking a group of undergraduates to Washington as participant observers of the Poor People's Campaign.

Published or in press this year are the following books by associates of the Center: Aaron Cicourel, *The Social Organization of Juvenile Justice* (Wiley); Jerome E. Carlin, Jan Howard, and Sheldon Messinger, *Civil Justice and the Poor* (Russell Sage, reprinted from this journal); Elliot Studt, Sheldon Messinger, and Thomas P. Wilson, *C-Unit: Search for Community in Prison* (Russell Sage); Philippe Nonet, *Administrative Justice* (Russell Sage); and Anthony M. Platt, *The Child Savers* (University of Chicago Press).

The Administration of Justice Program at the University of Denver again this year sponsored two special summer programs. The Summer Institute in Social Science Methods in Legal Education was taught by Alan Barton, Harry Kalven, Jr., and Stanton Wheeler. A program to prepare minority group college graduates for the study of law enrolled 40 students. Similar programs were funded by the Ford Foundation and the Committee for Legal Education Opportunity at UCLA, Emory, and Harvard.

Denver has instituted a series of four-year joint degree programs in law and the social sciences. Ten students are currently working toward degrees in law and sociology, economics, international relations, and psychology.

A data bank of studies in law and social science has been established, and cards from all completed and continuing studies are on file. Contributions from scholars not at Denver include cards from the *Wall Street Lawyer* by Erwin O. Smigel, and from *The Poor Pay More* by David Caplovitz. The data bank welcomes contributions from other sources, and copies of most of the studies can be made available to individual scholars. A catalog is appended to the Annual Report of the Administration of Justice Program; it can be obtained from Gresham M. Sykes at the University of Denver Law Center.

At Yale, four Russell Sage Fellows have been appointed for the 1968-1969 academic year. They are Donald J. Black, who has been doing studies of police-citizen encounters; Carl C. Hetrick, who is working on developing methods for assessing public perceptions of justice and legal order; Stephen R. Kellert, who is working in the areas of psychiatric disorder, criminology and cults; and Vaughan Stapleton, studying the effects of using counsel in juvenile courts. The Yale Program in Law and Social Sciences is chaired by Abraham S. Goldstein and Stanton Wheeler. Professor Wheeler has brought together a set of studies of personal information files, which is in press (Russell Sage) under the title, *On Record: Files and Dossiers in American Life*.

New York University School of Law funded a program of released time for several faculty members to spend the summer reading in the social sciences. The materials were suggested by colleagues in anthropology, economics and sociology. Participants were Irving Younger, Robert Pitofsky, Andreas Lowenfeld, and Jack L. Kroner.

A number of courses are being jointly taught by lawyers and social scientists at Harvard. Talcott Parsons and Lon Fuller recently taught a course entitled Law and Society, and S. M. Lipset and Jerome Cohen offered Law and Society in Comparative Perspective. Psychiatrist Alan Stone and Law Professor Alan Dershowitz offered Prediction and Prevention of Harmful Conduct. Lloyd Ohlin's regular course in Youth and Crime is shared with Livingston Hall, and Issues in Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice is taught with James Vorenberg.

Harvard Law School jointly sponsored, with the Law and Society Association, an Institute on Law and Civil Alienation, which was held on March 22, 1969. It was concerned with four topics: consumer credit, the welfare system, educational decentralization, and the urban police.

Two new seminars being offered at the University of Wisconsin are Urban Disorders and Legal Agencies, and Welfare Administration and

the Law. The Wisconsin program has been renamed the Center for Law and Behavioral Science, and is being directed by Jack Ladinsky.

At Pennsylvania, the Co-directors of the Center for Studies in Criminology and Criminal Law are Marvin Wolfgang and Anthony Amsterdam. The Center has commissioned a number of consultant scholars to prepare a series of papers on "pressure points" for empirical research—points in the criminal justice system at which empirical research might most profitably be employed. These papers will be distributed to a second group of scholars, who will meet to discuss them. Yet other consultants will be hired to prepare position papers based on the proceedings, and the entire operation will culminate in a published volume.

John P. Heinz of the Law School has succeeded Victor G. Rosenblum as Director of the Program in Law and the Social Sciences at Northwestern. Faculty participants include Richard D. Schwartz (Sociology), Karl de Schweinitz (Economics), and Paul Feldman and Anthony d'Amato (Political Science). There are currently about two dozen student Fellows in the Program, half in law and half in the various social sciences. The Law School is offering 16 interdisciplinary courses, including Economic Analysis and Public Policy, African Law, and Law and Psychiatry.

CORRECTION: The Berkeley Center for the Study of Law and Society was founded in 1961, not 1960, as stated in the previous column.

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