

Law Institute Explores International Problems

The voice that answers the telephone at the Institute for International and Foreign Trade Law is German.

Though the Institute has been a part of the Georgetown University Law Center since 1955, its roots are German and its outlook international.

The founder of the Institute is Dr. Heinrich Kronstein, a law professor who had fled Hitler's Germany and found a berth in the U.S. Justice Department and a teaching position at Georgetown University.

At the end of World War II, Dr. Kronstein became involved in the effort to re-establish legal institutions in Germany that would restore social order and protect individual liberties.

At the same time he was concerned about European integration and the establishment of stable national economies.

He dreamed of a scholarly institute that could research these economic and legal problems and help find solutions.

With the help of a German benefactor, Dr. Wilhelm Schulte zur Hausen, Dr. Kronstein founded the Institute for International and Foreign Trade Law.

From the very beginning, the Institute was closely associated with a sister institute in Frankfurt, Germany. Dr. Kronstein served as joint professor at both Frankfurt and Georgetown and was anxious to promote ties between American and German scholars.

"The mutual integration of the Washington and Frankfurt institutes, supplemented by excellent relations with the



Dr. Heinrich Kronstein receives an honorary doctor of laws degree from the Rev. Gerard J. Campbell, S.J., president of Georgetown.

universities in Berne, Muenster, Tuebingen, Bochum, and Geneva, opened the channels for very successful exchange programs," Dr. Kronstein said.

The Washington Institute and the Frankfurt Institute have exchanged 20 professors and more than 40 law students.

This year the Institute at Georgetown has sent one American student to Frankfurt and is host to two American students, one Swiss student, three German students, and one German professor.

In a variety of ways the Institute offers its findings to the outside world. "Education and research are most valuable when the fruits can be made available to the public," Dr. Kronstein said.

One way is the publication of "tools for teaching and informing practitioners, such as the practical books the Institute has produced on the regulation of trade," he said.

A new volume to come out of research at the Institute is Dr. Kronstein's *The Law of International Cartels*, which was published in German last year and will be translated into English this year.

"This is the first systematic book about private restrictive practices in international trade," said Peter Eigen, assistant to Dr. Kronstein.

Another way the Institute shares its resources is by sponsoring conferences, like the conference on the extra-territorial effects of trade regulation held in Washington in 1962.

The Institute has just completed a study for the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development on adverse effects of private restrictive business practices on international trade.

Earlier the Institute prepared a study for the German legislature on the American experience with disclosure requirements in corporation and security laws.

The Institute also contributes information to the group preparing the Common Market policy on international and national trade.

In addition to these services, the Institute has become a meeting place for government officials, Congressmen, and private attorneys.

"The Institute feels a responsibility to offer its experience and findings to interested government and non-government personnel," Dr. Kronstein said.

Though the 70-year-old professor has been looking for a more permanent staff to assure a long-range continuity for the Institute's projects, he is still the driving force behind the Institute.

This spring, in addition to directing the Institute, he will teach a seminar at the Law Center on advanced aspects of international trade.

His efforts do not go unappreciated. In October the University awarded Dr. Kronstein an honorary doctor of laws degree for his contributions as professor and director of the Institute for International and Foreign Trade Law.



Dr. Roger Baker (center), professor of surgery, broadcasts over the Medical Center's new ham radio, set up to provide emergency consultation to hospitals and missions throughout the world. With him are Dr. Patrick Doyle, professor of community medicine and international health, and radio operator John Curtis.