

SOCIETY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF AMERICAN PHILOSOPHY

**FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY
FAIRFIELD, CONNECTICUT**

NEWSLETTER #17

August 29, 1977

1. The SAAP Meeting at the APA in Washington will be on December 28, 1977 at 12 noon. The program is as follows:

Speaker: Martin Golding, Duke University

"American Legal Realism: A Critical Sketch"

Commentator: John Griesbach, St Louis University Law School

Chairman: Eugene Thomas Long III, University of South Carolina

An abstract of Golding's paper follows:

American legal realism was a movement that had its heyday in the twenties and thirties of this century. It had a number of adherents who were united in spirit and temperament, if not in doctrine. The relationship of legal realism to such currents of thought as pragmatism and behaviorism has often been pointed to. Despite the denial by one of its leading figures (Karl N. Llewellyn) that legal realism was a "philosophy of law," this essay will attempt to isolate some philosophical strands in the work of a few of the realists, with particular emphasis on the role of a pragmatic theory of meaning. A second theme of the essay concerns the question of the extent to which legal realism was a normative as well as a descriptive theory of law. The essay will close with a critical evaluation of legal realism on the treated topics.

2. Call for Papers for the annual meeting to be held March 3-4, 1978 at Villanova University. While papers may treat any aspect of classical and contemporary American philosophy, papers are invited on the following themes:

- 1) American idealism
- 2) The bearings of the writings of the classical American philosophers on contemporary moral, social and political problems or issues.
- 3) The linguistic turn (which American philosophy has taken in the last thirty years) re-examined.

Please submit papers in triplicate with the name of the author in the cover sheet only. A one-paragraph abstract should accompany the paper which should be sent to:

Professor Joseph Betz
Department of Philosophy
Villanova University
Villanova, PA 19085

Deadline Nov 1

The St. David's Inn will reserve rooms at a special rate for the meetings. Full details will be in the next newsletter.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

JOHN LACHS - PRESIDENT
Vanderbilt University

JOHN P. ANTON
Emory University

FREDERICK BURKHARDT
President Emeritus, ACLS

JACQUELYN KEGLEY
Calif. State College, Bakersfield

JOSEPH G. GRASSI
Secretary-Treasurer
Fairfield University

JOHN J. McDERMOTT
Queens College

EDWARD C. MOORE
Executive Vice Chancellor
IUPUI, Indianapolis

ELIZABETH FLOWER
University of Pennsylvania