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## The Mid-20th Century Lawyer

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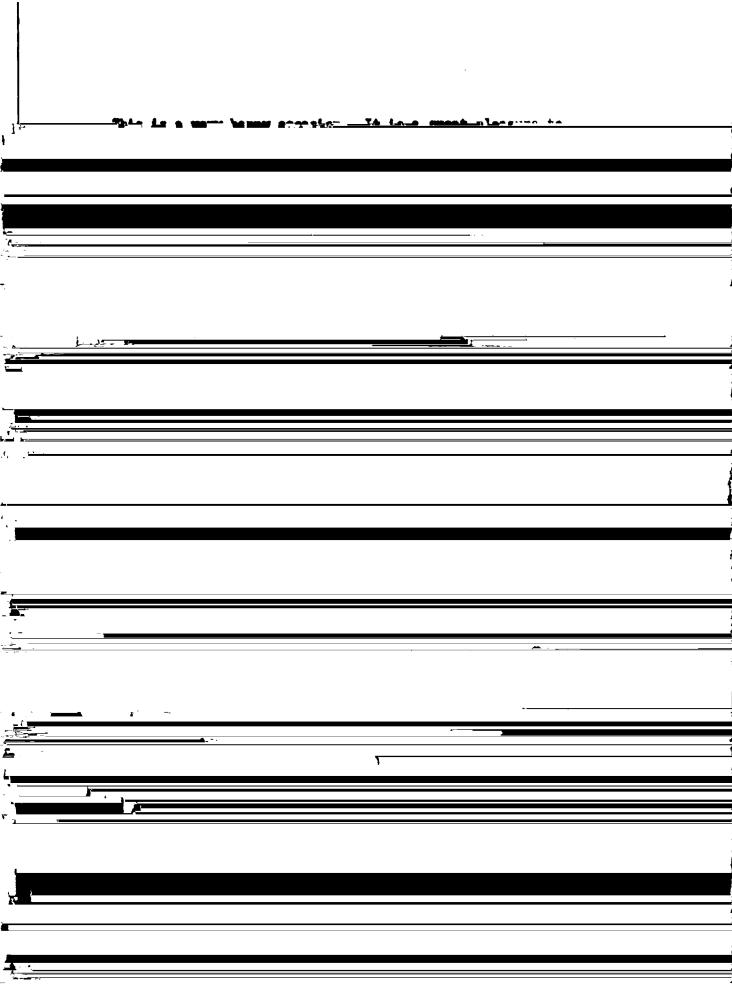
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aspirations of humanity. How different is the march of the political inilosophy which seeks to challenge our own. Its gretesque and brutish pattern is now familiar. First there is the causaign of false propaganda, then terrorism followed by rigged elections, jailing of the especition, and, finally, after execution of one or more of the leaders, there emerges the old familiar government by men, rather than by law based upon principles and ideals of justice.

The lawyer's role as officer of the court is important in the administration of justice. The degree of freedom individuals must renounce in our complex society is decided by democratic processes. The lawyer, however, expressly undertakes to forego than about corresponds to the court of the

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institution it has so stood the test of war and peace that its place in our jurisprudence seems to be assured.

In the field of administrative law, certain sections of the Administrative Procedure Act tend toward bridging the gap between the general practitioner and the specialist in practice before many federal agencies. Its influence likely will spread to state agencies. International law is still a frontier, but the future of all law well may depend upon how well that frontier is fortified and defended against the opposing idealogy of force.

Despite the oft told story of a 19th Century Commissioner of

Patents who resigned because everything possible of invention had been patented, that field remains bright, and far-reaching changes have been made in the field of trade-mark law.

One contemporary problem is as old as jurisprudence itself. Justice delayed is Justice denied; but summary judgment is no panacea. The 20th Century practitioner and his clients are the beneficiaries of substantial progress that has been made in the direction of speedy trial or hearing, on the one hand, and the full protection of the rights of litigants, on the other. Expe-

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