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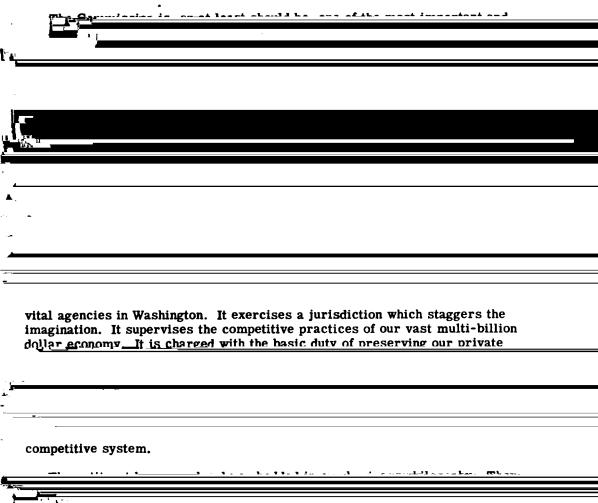
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MR. CHAIRMAN:

I welcome the honor of appearing before the University of Michigan's 1953 Institute on Federal Antitrust Laws to make my first public statement as Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission.

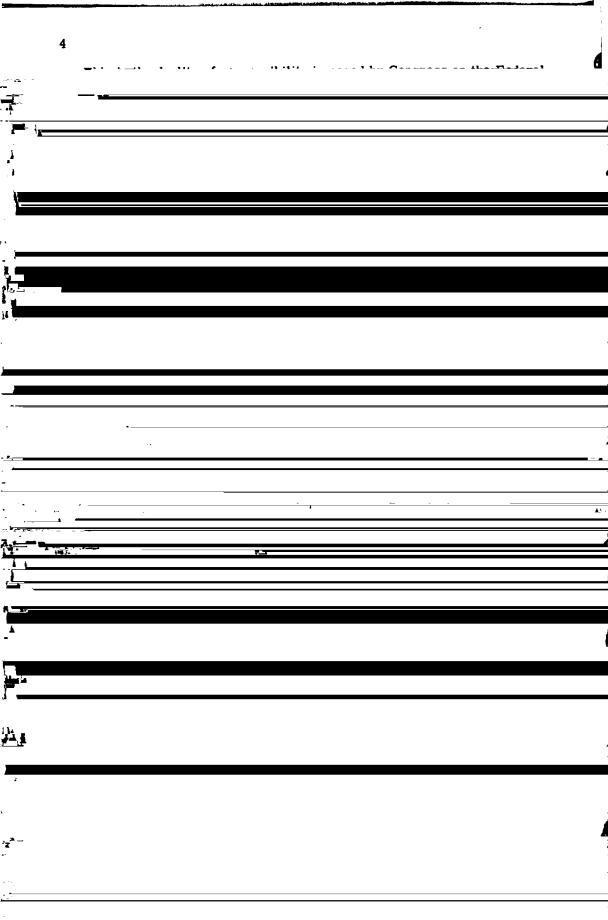


2 There may be some inconsistency between legislative policies which enMr. Justice Frankfurter in the Standard Oil of California case suggested

Commission but were ill suited for ascertainment by courts which lacked skilled economic assistance.

The inference to be drawn from this comment, and the more recent Motion Picture Advertising case, is that the Federal Trade Commission can and should sift and appraise all relevant economic data. In the Motion Picture case the Supreme Court said: "The precise impact of a particular practice on the trade is for the Commission, not the courts, to decide."

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6 VI Turning to another phase of the Commission's responsibilities, you will to do so, he should be permitted to appear and take part in an informal hearing. No testimony should be taken but it should be a joint conference between the Commission, the proposed respondent, and the applicant if willing. If this were done the Conference Division should be able to dispose of the majority of the

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