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FOREWORD

On November 17th and 18th, 1961, Fordham's new School of Law at Lincoln Square was formally dedicated. As we listened to the words spoken by the many distinguished guests who came to pay tribute to Fordham, we found ideas worth pondering further and certainly deserving to be preserved in written form. We are, therefore, devoting the Leading Articles section of this issue of the Fordham Law Review to the four principal addresses delivered during the two days of dedication.

The first three papers were delivered as a Symposium entitled *The American Tradition and Its Implications for Law*. The address of Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy was in response to the conferral upon him of the honorary degree of doctor of laws.

The Most Reverend John J. Wright, D.D., in the opening paper of the Symposium, spoke of the religious inspiration of the American tradition. "God's Providence in our national history," said Bishop Wright, is a concept recognized by the Founding Fathers, and which has permeated all the institutions of our civil society. The human law, a component of society, to be in accord with the American tradition, must also be in accord with the natural law.

Arthur E. Sutherland, distinguished Bussey Professor of Law at Harvard Law School, concentrated, in his paper, more specifically on *The American Tradition and Its Implications for Constitutional Law*. Professor Sutherland found certain principles of our constitutionalism to be more fundamental than the written Constitution, and in analyzing the development of these principles, declared, "we may see a past course which announces our course still to come."

Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson broadened the ambit of the Symposium in discussing *The American Tradition and Its Implications for International Law*. Speaking at a time when the United Nations was, and is, undergoing perhaps its severest test, Ambassador Stevenson explained how many of the American traditions, being universal principles, are embodied in the charter of that Organization.

The Attorney General looked upon the new Law School buildings not as a "tribute to architects, however splendid their achievements," but as a tribute and a challenge to the men of Fordham because, in his words, "men mean more than mortar and masonry." We find truth in these words, but yet, we cannot underestimate the effect that these new facilities will have upon those who make use of them. Fordham Law School, like the law itself, preserves the best of years past while growing and changing to meet the demands of the future. The Law Review joins with faculty, alumni, and friends in commemorating a major event in this growth.

The Editors

SYMPOSIUM: THE AMERICAN TRADITION AND
ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR LAW

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ADDRESS: *The American Tradition and Its Implications
for Constitutional Law*

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