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On September 4, and 5, 1963, the West Virginia Bar Association held its 80th meeting at the Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. In addition to several excellent talks made by members of the Association, including the annual address of the President, C. Howard Hardesty, the members of the Association heard an interesting discussion of tax problems by Mr. Mortimer M. Caplin, former Commissioner of Internal Revenue Service, and a description of our missile capacities by Cyrus Vance, Deputy Secretary of Defense.

At its annual meeting in 1963, the West Virginia Bar Association adopted the recommendations made by the Special Committee on Policy. That committee was instructed to review the workings of this Bar Association and of the State Bar and to recommend ways and means of coordinating the efforts of each. To implement these recommendations, the West Virginia Bar Association, at its annual meeting in 1964, amended its Constitution by deleting certain of its committees and adding to the duties of others. It is the hope of the Bar Association that the other recommendations made by the Special Committee on Policy can be put into effect in the near future.

The members of the Executive Council are of the opinion that a substantial portion of the program for the annual meeting in 1965 should be devoted to the field of Continuing Legal Education. James H. Coleman, a member of the Executive Council, has been asked to work with Arch Cantrall, Chairman of the Committee on Legal Education, and with that Committee in preparing this portion of the program for the annual meeting in 1965.

Committee appointments will be made in the next few days. The Executive Council wishes to commend the members of the West Virginia Bar Association for their willingness to serve on these committees and to devote a substantial amount of their time in promoting the interests of all lawyers.

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