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Between 1962 and 1964 the CIA-fronting International Student Conference got about \$1,800,000 from the San Jacinto Fund and the CIA-front "Foundation for Youth and student affairs.

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New Chief Of ABA Sets Priorities

NEW YORK, July 3 (UPI)—Leon Jaworski, president-elect of the American Bar Association, said today he will give high priority to developing programs to teach legal processes to youngsters.

In a speech prepared for delivery to the National Conference of Bar Presidents at the ABA annual meeting, the Houston lawyer said:

"What once was taught at the knees of parents—the duty to respect authority and the undeviating obedience of laws—are no longer a part of the family ritual in many homes. Our democracy cannot forego these teachings. What the home once supplied and is no longer stressed, some other units must assume."

Jaworski said he would support the ABA's special committee on youth education. Its function, he said, is "to foster and further high-quality programs for the teaching of the legal processes in America's primary and secondary schools."

Jaworski said experts on crime and juvenile delinquency have suggested such teaching in schools.

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Bar Panel Seeks to Predict Misconduct

A special committee of the American Bar Association has proposed developing a uniform test for first-year law students to "identify those significant elements of character that may predictably give rise to misconduct" as lawyers.

The committee also recommends that all law schools be required to "release to any admission authorities in any state" any information "relevant to [a student's] admission to the bar, in the law school files or coming to its attention by any means other than confidential communications by a student to a law school officer or teacher."

Governors to Get Plan

The report was drawn up by the Special Committee on the Feasibility of Establishing Procedure for Reviewing the Character and Fitness of Candidates for Law School Admission Prior to their Acceptance as Students. The committee, a unit of the bar association's Section of Legal Education and Admission to the Bar, decided it would be impracticable to screen applicants before admission and settled on the idea of testing freshmen law students.

The report, "approved in principle" by the section, will be submitted to the association's board of governors for

final approval at a meeting in May.

The law schools administering the test would not be obliged "to reach any evaluation of the results," the report says. It adds, "the mere fact that all students would be obliged to take such a test—would serve a salutary purpose in focusing the student's attention upon the fact that admission to the practice of the legal profession does require him to fulfill the moral character standards of the jurisdiction where he seeks to practice."

Suggested by Bar Head

According to Edward Kuhn, chairman of the section, and Millard H. Ruud, a consultant on legal education who sat in on the special committee's principal meeting, the report was drawn up at the suggestion of the bar association's president, Leon Jaworski, a Houston lawyer. Mr. Jaworski has expressed concern about the rising number of applicants for law school, estimated by the report at 100,000 in 1972.

The report said that this estimate had raised "increasing concern over the adequacy of present procedures to be sure that those best qualified, both from the standpoint of intellect and motivation and from the

standpoint of proper moral character attributes, are the ones who succeed in this competition for a legal education."

To meet this problem, the report suggests that the bar association "encourage research studies to determine whether character traits can be usefully tested prior to application for admission to the bar."

Several law school deans, informed of the proposal, made critical comments.

"My reaction to this report is so extraordinary that I want to check it to see if it is genuine," said Michael Sovern, dean of the Columbia Law School.

Abraham Goldstein, dean of the Yale Law School called the report's principal proposal "an absolutely terrible idea." He added, "Talking about devising a test for this purpose when you're dealing with as diverse a constituency as the law school population—I think it's ridiculous."