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The Review begins its 13th year with the annual survey of the preceding term of the Court of Appeals. The reader will find that a more intensive treatment of important cases handed down by our state's highest court has been attempted. As in the past no attempt to note all of the full opinion cases has been made. This has always been considered an impossible task, even by the most ambitious editorial staffs of past years. What we have attempted to do, and what we hope we have been successful in doing, is to provide our readers with in-depth analysis of the most significant cases of the 1962 term. It is our belief that a more meaningful and useful product will result from this policy.

Coverage of the 1963 term of the Court of Appeals begins with number 2 of volume 13 and continues in number 3. In the past it has been a frequent complaint that important cases handed down early in the term must wait for over a full year before they find their way into print. This has been a valid complaint. The remedy, long considered, will now become a reality with coverage of the 1963 term spread over our next three issues. This policy will give the reader a year round survey of the Court of Appeals that has the added merit of timeliness.

This year has been another year of controversy for the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States with its continued concentration—or so it has been charged by various critics—on civil rights and civil liberties cases. Charges of indifference to long-standing American traditions still fill the air in the wake of the second series of prayer cases—charges, the merits of which are not considered here. We do have, however, as fuel for the fire, a major address delivered by Justice Douglas of the Supreme Court last March on the role of the Bill of Rights in modern society, a contribution that the Review is proud to publish.

Lead articles for this issue include an examination of existing Fair Employment Practices legislation on the state and federal levels by Professor Daniel H. Pollitt of the University of North Carolina; a study of religious protection laws bearing upon child adoption in the various states by Mr. Lawrence List of the New York Bar, and a study of the administration of problems in land use and water controls by the International Joint Commission stemming from the Treaty of 1909 between the United States and Canada, with an interesting concentration upon problems and conditions in the Western New York and Ontario Niagara Peninsula areas by Professor G. Graham Waite of the University of Maine.

This issue initiates a new category of writing, the Faculty Comment. It is designed to make the Review the beneficiary and depository, it is hoped, of many valuable ideas that very often fail to find their way into print, either because they are not suited to be the subject of a lengthy article or simply because the author is not at that particular moment disposed to undertake
such an extensive study. Thus, in a sense, the purpose of the Faculty Comment might well be to invite further discussion and perhaps more extensive research.

Our first contribution is that of Professor Arthur Lenhoff, whose thought-provoking review of the first three volumes of Weinstein, Korn & Miller, New York Civil Practice, explores the many ramifications of the changes in our new code of civil procedure.

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