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EDITORS' PAGE

This issue of the *Nebraska Law Review* contains the third and final part of the symposium, "The Tasks of Penology." In the symposium we attempted to give our readers an overall view of the latest thinking in the area of criminal corrections. We have failed. The area is too vast, the problems too complicated, and the progress of research and innovation in the field too rapid for us to succeed in the space allotted. It is satisfying, however, to recognize that the concern with the imprisonment and treatment of offenders in Nebraska will not cease with the publication of this issue of the *Review*. The newly formed Nebraska Commission on Crime and Delinquency is an indication that this state is genuinely concerned with the prevention of criminal activity and that it also recognizes the importance of a progressive, penological approach.

Most of the articles in this symposium have not dealt at any great length with the prison itself. The trend in corrections today, as set forth by Professor Norval Morris of the University of Chicago Law School, is to consider prison "the norm against which other sanctions are determined." Morris, *Prison in Evolution*, Fed. Prob., Dec. 1965, p. 20, 21. The programs and concepts now in vogue are "beyond the walls." We hope that the small sampling presented here has been stimulating and beneficial.

This editor was privileged over the summer to have the opportunity to view some of these programs first-hand at the Federal Correctional Institution in Texarkana, Texas. Regardless of the quality of a written discussion, the impact of such concepts as work-release on the inmates, the employers, and the community can only be fully understood by personal contact. Gratitude is in order to Warden Lawrence A. Carpenter and his staff for providing this opportunity.

The symposium has been a meeting-place for new ideas about criminal corrections. Now, upon the adjournment of that meeting, it is appropriate that these last contributions to the discussion seem to voice a common proposal: emergence. Eugene N. Barkin, counsel for the Bureau of Prisons, describes an emerging awareness of the rights retained by the convicted, and it may be fairly hoped that his article will add to that awareness. Warden Carpenter, now of the Seagoville Federal Correctional Institution, has contributed a close, illuminating observation of the new work-release program in actual operation. This is the realization of the theory that prisoners themselves can emerge, not only from their prisons but from the condition of social valuelessness that first bound them, into the world of the free man. Two progressive cor-

rectional workers from California, J. Douglas Grant and Joan Grant of the New Careers Development Project, have related the story of the first applications of an especially productive idea: let the inmate participate in the research now being waged against criminality, to the end that he emerge from the inert status of "object to be rehabilitated," into the status of participant in his own betterment, and that of his fellow convicts. Finally, an article by Frank Loveland, Director of the Institute of Corrections of the American Foundation, describes an emerging international concern for the problems of crime and correction, and the growing recognition of the need for communication among all peoples on the problem of preventing crime through correctional innovations.

The conclusion of the symposium also marks the transfer of command from one *Review* staff to another. The retiring staff is grateful for the interest shown in the *Nebraska Law Review* over the past year and the continuing support of the Nebraska State Bar Association. We are also confident that the new staff possess the qualities and talents to make next year's *Review* one worth looking forward to. The following men will comprise the editorial board of 1966-67:

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