

[November 13, 1972]

Lord God of Justice, we pause for a moment in our busy lives, to ask Your blessing on this bright new institution -- the Antioch School of Law -- ^{and} upon the whole endeavor and the deans and their helpers who gave birth to this new approach to legal education. We likewise ask Your blessing upon the faculty and students who are presently adding flesh and bone to the bright dream, upon all the clientele that this educational enterprise will reach in the years ahead, and ^{will} touch both competently and compassionately. If we might ask one special blessing today, it would be for the students -- those pioneer beginners, and the long generations of students yet to come here with their hopes. May theirs ever be a hunger for justice. May they ever realize that lawyering without justicing is a kind of prostitution. May they seek competence in the law, since compassion without competence ~~ix~~ would be a cruel hoax upon those they serve. May they also realize that competence in the law without compassion leads the lawyer to use the law for other purposes than the

works of justice, blinds him to the sad plight of persons who suffer injustice for want of a lawyer champion. May these students in their lawyer lives ever avoid that which bends the noble law to ignoble ends: to the attaining or the preservation only of power, status, excess income or even injustice sustained by legal manipulation. May these students learn the majesty of the law in this place, and through the practice of law, may they earn for themselves and others the blessings of the God of Justice, not the least of which is personal and civic peace, which is at the same time both the noblest work and the finest fruit of justice among just men working for the creation of a just society--a never ending task.

Finally then, may I invoke upon all of you in the name of God that most ancient blessing which is likewise a greeting, a send-off on a journey, a good wish for you all, Shalom--Peace.

The Deans
Edgar S. Cahn and Jean Camper Cahn
and
The Faculty
of
The Antioch School of Law
welcome you
to the
Inaugural Convocation
on Monday afternoon, the thirteenth of November
one thousand nine hundred and seventy two
at half past three o'clock
The Eugene and Agnes E. Meyer Home
in the City of Washington

INAUGURAL CONVOCATION

Processional

Invocation REVEREND THEODORE M. HESBURGH, C.S.C.
President
University of Notre Dame

Reading of the Charter HARDY TROLANDER
Chairman
Board of Trustees
Antioch College

Response JOHN W. CUMMISKEY, ESQUIRE
Chairman
Board of Visitors
Antioch School of Law

Introduction of
The Chief Justice of the
United States PAUL A. PORTER, ESQUIRE
Chairman
National Advisory Council of the
Antioch School of Law

Greetings THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE UNITED STATES

Tribute EDGAR S. and JEAN CAMPER CAHN
The Deans
Antioch School of Law

Convocation Address ROBERT W. MESERVE, ESQUIRE
President
American Bar Association

Prayer of Benediction REVEREND WALTER F. FAUNTROY
Mount Bethel Baptist Church
Washington, D. C.

Recessional

Reception from five to seven o'clock.

CONVOCATION COMMITTEE

CHARLES T. DUNCAN, ESQUIRE, *Honorary Chairman*
GEORGE A. STRAIT, ESQUIRE, *Chairman and Marshal*
LESLIE J. HELFMAN, *Student Marshal*