

THE MARITIME LAW ASSOCIATION
OF THE UNITED STATES

ANNUAL DINNER—MAY 5, 1944

The Annual Dinner was held at The University Club, 1 West 54th Street, New York City, at 6:45 P. M. on May 5, 1944. 327 members and their guests were present. There were present as guests of the Association, Judge Peter Woodbury of the First Circuit Court of Appeals and Judge Learned Hand of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals; Judges William Bondy, Francis G. Caffey, John W. Clancy, Edward A. Conger, George Murray Hulbert, John C. Knox and Simon H. Rifkind of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, and Judges Clarence G. Galston, Robert A. Inch and Grover M. Moscovitz of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York.

The retiring President, John W. Griffin, acted as toastmaster. Judge Peter Woodbury spoke briefly of the amicable manner in which admiralty attorneys conducted themselves and how an association such as ours assisted in developing this spirit. Judge Learned Hand gave the members a rather interesting insight into practice at the British bar.

We were fortunate to have at the Head Table, the President of the Nova Scotia Bar Association, Henry P. MacKeen, K.C., as well as the present President and the future President of the American Bar Association, namely, Joseph W. Henderson of Philadelphia and D. A. Simmons of Houston and the newly elected President of our Association, George Whitefield Betts, Jr.

Our particular guest of the evening was Commander Raymond F. Farwell, USNR. Commander Farwell lectures on the Rules of the Road at the Merchant Marine Academies of the United States. After a fitting and appropriate introduction, Commander Farwell showed several of the sound films which he prepared with

the assistance of Walt Disney of motion picture fame. The members and their guests found these pictures to be particularly appropriate for a marine gathering, even though several discussions resulted as to the manner in which the Commander depicted certain famous collision cases.

The Dinner Committee prepared an attractive booklet containing the menu and the seating arrangements. The booklet was printed without charge by The Hecla Press to which the appreciation of the Association is extended.

The members of the Dinner Committee were:

Leonard J. Matteson, Chairman
John W. Crandall
Arnold W. Knauth
Joseph F. Luley
John W. R. Zisgen