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restitution of the defendant's property formerly owned by her in Austria. He succeeded in obtaining such restitution.

"The defendant refused to fulfill the agreement and pay the plaintiff. Plaintiff brought suit in Austria against defendant who, in the meantime, had left New York and taken her residence in Vienna. The Austrian Supreme Court held that contingent fee agreements were contrary to the law of Austria, the roots of which were traced back to ancient Roman law originating with a decree of Emperor Diocletian, and affirmed the judgment of the courts below dismissing the complaint. The court held that the agreement though valid in New York was not enforceable in Austria"

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The committee on Legal Education, Archie O. Dawson, Chairman, is considering suggested revisions of the regulations relating to admission to the Bar proposed by a committee of law school deans. Among the more important revisions agreed to by the deans' committee are (1) removal of the requirement that all students not having approved A.B. degrees must have law qualifying certificates to be admitted to New York State law schools; (2) abolition of office study as an alternative for admission to the Bar; and (3) a revision of the requirements for night law schools to permit the completion of these courses in five years rather than in four as at present.

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THE PROGRAM "For Bench and Bar" broadcast over WNYC-FM (93.9 megacycles) every Monday evening at 8:30 has been discontinued. The program consisted of rebroadcasts of twenty-one selected lectures given before the various legal sections of the Committee on Post-Admission Legal Education.

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THE ART SHOW, which opened on May 1 under the auspices of the Committee on Art, Samuel A. Berger, Chairman, was a great success. Over eighty pictures were exhibited by thirty-nine members. Robert Beverly Hale, Associate Curator of American Art at

the Metropolitan Museum of Art, was consultant to the Committee, and Alan D. Marcus was Exhibit Chairman.

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The united Air lines has arranged for a special reservation service for members of the American Bar Association who plan to attend the Annual Meeting of the Association in San Francisco on September 15–19. Members desiring reservations are asked to call John W. Littlefair, Murray Hill 2–7300.

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THE FINAL MEETING of the section on Jurisprudence and Comparative Law (Post-Admission Legal Education Committee), of which the Honorable Samuel C. Coleman is chairman, was held before a capacity group on May 12. The subject was "Trial of a Law Suit" in Italy, Austria and France. The guest speakers, discussing the trial procedure in their respective countries, were Angelo Piero Sereni, Robert F. Weissenstein and Lucien R. Le Lievre.

After these three speakers, Judge Coleman summarized the views expressed and made some comparisons of workings of the courts in those countries with ours. Last year, Judge Coleman delivered a series of lectures at the University of Strasbourg, the Sorbonne, the University of Dijon and the University of Florence. These lectures dealt mainly with the origins and developments of American legal institutions, their present positions and a comparison of those institutions with those of the foreign countries. While abroad Judge Coleman observed the everyday activities of some of the courts and in addition had the benefit of exchanging views with judges, law professors and members of the Bar.