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The following four lectures on *Problems in Comparative Law* were delivered at the Indiana University School of Law in Bloomington in March and April, as the 1959 Addison C. Harris Memorial Lectures. The Lectures were inaugurated in 1958, by Leon Green, Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of Texas, Judge David W. Peck of the Appellate Division of the New York Supreme Court, and Harold A. Smith, Esquire, of Chicago, who spoke on *The Law and Changing Ideas of Individual and Social Responsibility*. These lectures were published in Volume 33 of this Journal.

The Addison C. Harris Memorial Lectures are made possible by a trust created by Mrs. India Crago Harris upon her death in 1946, in memory of her late husband. Addison C. Harris (1840-1916) was a distinguished Indiana lawyer and statesman. He was a member of the State Senate and Minister to Austria-Hungary during the administration of President McKinley. Mr. Harris also served as President of the Indiana Law School, of the Indiana State Bar Association, and of the Board of Trustees of Purdue University.

Frederick H. Lawson, Barrister (Gray's Inn) and Professor of Comparative Law at Oxford University, delivered the first lecture on *The Approach to French Law*. Professor Lawson has been editor of the *Journal of Comparative Legislation and International Law* and the *International and Comparative Law Quarterly* and he now edits the *Journal of the Society of Public Teachers of Law*. Max Rheinstein, Max Pam Professor of Comparative Law at the University of Chicago Law School, spoke next on *The Approach to German Law*. Professor Rheinstein taught at the University of Berlin before coming to the United States in 1933, and since then has lectured at many universities, including the University of Frankfurt, the University of Cambridge, and the University of Comparative Studies, Luxemburg. *The Comparison of Soviet and American Law* was the topic of Harold J. Berman, Professor of Law at Harvard Law School. Professor Berman is associated with the Russian Research Center at Harvard and has published a number of books

concerning various phrases of Soviet law. The final lecture was delivered by Ronald H. Graveson, Barrister (Gray's Inn) and Professor of Law and Dean of the Faculty of Laws at King's College, University of London, who spoke on *The Task of Comparative Law in Common Law Systems*. Professor Graveson is widely known for his work in conflict of laws and jurisprudence.

In view of the growing importance of comparative law, the *Indiana Law Journal* is pleased to have the privilege of publishing these lectures.