

From distinguished prof

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IU receives law library

Jerome Hall, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Law at Indiana University, has given the University most of his valuable law library.

The 800-volume gift includes 60 rare books, which will go to Lilly Library. The bulk of the collection, which contains many other items otherwise unavailable, will go to the School of Law Library.

David Randall, librarian at Lilly Library, and Betty LeBus, law librarian, both praised the collection. Randall called the gift "outstanding."

Miss Le Bus, also associate professor of law, said the books are especially valuable because they are the result of years of selection by a very knowledgeable scholar who has kept only those works which are really useful. The books are part of the "working library" Professor Hall kept in his office to have close at hand for reference as he worked on criminal law and jurisprudence, she said.

Professor Hall has been interested in, and has actively supported, the Law Library all during his 31 years at Indiana, and has given hundreds of books in the course of that time, Miss LeBus said.

The distinguished teacher retired from the IU faculty in June. Retirement for him, however, merely means moving to a new locale. Professor Hall has received the high honor, given only to America's most distinguished senior scholars, of being invited to teach at the Hastings College of Law in San Francisco.

In planning his move to California, Professor Hall realized that it would not be feasible to move his complete library. Yet parting with his beloved books obviously is hard for him.

"Next to his family, books are a scholar's best friends," he said. Professor Hall concluded the best solution was to leave many of his "friends" at their home at IU.

"I am gratified that these books which have meant so much to me will be permanently at Indiana," he said of the works he has collected in Europe and the United States.

The volumes which will go to the Lilly Library include an early edition of the "Magna Charta" (London, 1608). There are only three other copies of this edition recorded, Randall said. One of those is in the United States, at the Huntington Library in California. The other two are in England, at the British Museum and at Cambridge University.

Other famous works include the first edition of Thomas Hobbes' "Leviathan" (London, 1651) and John Howard's "The



Indiana University

Books donated

Jerome Hall, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Law at Indiana University, shows Betty LeBus, law librarian, the author's autograph in a rare book he has given to the University. Professor Hall has given most of his personal law library to the IU Lilly Library and the School of Law Library. The autographed book is John Howard's "The State of the Prisons in England and Wales" (London, 1777) which is a landmark in reformers' efforts to improve the appalling conditions of 18th Century prisons. It is one of the books which will be housed in the Lilly Library.

State of the Prisons in England and Wales" (London, 1777). This volume contains an autographed presentation which Howard dated Jan. 28, 1778.

Two items of special American interest in the Lilly collection are John Adams' "Defense of the Constitutions of Government of the United States of America" (London, 1787) and "Commentary and Review of Montesquieu's Spirit of Laws" (Philadelphia, 1811) by Count Antoine Louis Claude Destutt de Tracy. This book was supervised and prepared for the press anonymously by Thomas Jefferson, Randall said.

Some of Professor Hall's books, about a fourth of his library, will go with him to California. The prolific scholar and writer has two books in progress, one on criminal law and another on his philosophy of law. Work on these will be postponed, he said, while he familiarizes himself with California state criminal statutes, which fill several large annotated volumes.

Professor Hall, who in 1957 was awarded the University's coveted faculty rank, that of Distinguished Professor of Law, was one of the most honor-laden professors on campus.

He is the only person to hold, simultaneously, the presidency of both the

American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy (1966-68) and the American Section of the International Association for Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy (1965-66).

His writings, theories, and basic philosophies in law have won for him such additional recognition as the honorary Doctor of Laws degree in 1958 from the University of North Dakota; the same degree in 1968 from the China Academy in Taipei, Taiwan; honorary president of the Latin American Association of Sociology, and honorary member of the Arequipa, Peru, LaPaz, and Bolivia Bar Associations.

For teaching, he was awarded Indiana University's Frederic Bachman Lieber Memorial Award in 1956.

Recognition in a different way came to Professor Hall in 1954 when he was chosen by the U.S. State Department to assist in the legal reconstruction of Korea, for which he was later named honorary director of the Korean Legal Institute. The next year he was a Fulbright lecturer at the University of London and Queen's University in Belfast, Ireland, and in the summer of 1960 served as Ford Foundation lecturer in Mexico and South America.