National Moot court Competition regional arguments scheduled for November 17 and 18 at MSU Law School

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The National Moot Court Competition regional arguments are scheduled at the Montana State University Law School Nov. 17 and 18, according to Dr. Gardner Cromwell, associate professor of law and adviser to the MSU moot court team. Student lawyers from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana will compete for a chance to represent the region in the national finals at New York, N. Y., in December.

The University of Washington Law School, slated as the site of the event under normal rotation, stepped aside to let MSU play host as part of the Law School's 50th anniversary celebration, Prof. Cromwell noted.

Teams are entered from the University of Washington, Willamette University (national champion in 1959), the University of Idaho and MSU (runner-up to the national champion in 1957). Members of the Montana team are Richard W. Anderson, Whitehall; Robert G. Anderson, Weed, Calif., and Conrad B. Fredricks, Helena.

The budding lawyers will argue a fictitious case before the U. S. Supreme Court involving alleged confiscation, by a dictator of an imaginary South American country, of property owned by American citizens.

Moot court cases are appealed from the lower courts to the high tribunal, Prof. Cromwell pointed out. A decision has already been rendered by the federal district and circuit courts and a writ to review is now being taken to the Supreme Court, he explained. The facts are already on record, and the participants research the questions of law and discuss them. The judges will not decide the case itself, but they will decide which team makes the best argument and submits the best brief. Lawyers serving on the panel of judges are Emmett Angland, senior partner in the Great Falls firm of Angland and Marra and Montana delegate to the American Bar Association House of Delegates, past president of the Montana Bar Association and former United States attorney; Mason L. Bohrer, (more)
Missoula; Moody Brickett, who was in private practice in Great Falls before his appointment as United States attorney for the District of Montana; James B. Castles, general counsel, Tektronix, Inc., Beaverton, Ore.

Robert D. Corette, senior partner in the Butte firm of Corette, Smith and Dean; H. Cleveland Hall, senior partner in the Great Falls firm of Hall, Alexander and Kuenning; John C. Hauck of Butte, counsel for the Montana Power Co.; W. M. Kirkpatrick of Butte, western general counsel for the Anaconda Co., and Merritt N. Warden of the Kalispell firm of Walchli, Korn, Warden and Walterskirchen, former member of the state board of education.

The national competition is sponsored by the Young Lawyers Committee of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. Its purpose is to let law students throughout the country match their courtroom abilities against one another.

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