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The California Administrative Law Judges Association conducted its 1981 Forum on Unemployment Insurance Practice and Procedure at the Asilomar Conference Center, Pacific Grove, California on June 12 - 13, 1981. Judge Paul Wyler, President-Elect of NAALJ, reports that the program featured presentations on recent developments in unemployment insurance law, trade disputes, adequacy of administrative records, and other issues. The unemployment insurance system was examined in its historical context and in its relationship to other social programs. The Forum typified the scholarly approach to administrative adjudication for which this Association is noted. Judge Roberta Johnson is president of the California chapter of NAALJ.

In recognition of the judicial function of its members, the Illinois Association of Administrative Hearing Officers has been renamed the Illinois Association of Administrative Law Judges. This welcome development was reported by Barry W. Isaacson, Editor of the Illinois Association Newsletter, now in its third year of publication. The Illinois members have also made progress in their efforts to obtain appropriate salary readjustments.

The New York State Administrative Law Judges Association has undertaken a joint study with the Science and Technology Section of the American Bar Association to determine the relative effectiveness of mechanical means of recording testimony, as compared to live hearing reporters, in judicial and administrative proceedings. Both means of reporting are commonly used by Administrative Law Judges in the New York State Unemployment Insurance Division. Results of the pilot study will be reported in a future issue of this Journal.

Philip Penberthy, Director of the Michigan Employment Security Board and a former vice president of NAALJ, has undertaken to organize a conference of higher appellate authority personnel. Interested members should write to Honorable Philip Penberthy, Director, Michigan Employment Security Board of Review, 7310 Woodward, Detroit, Michigan 48202.

The newly organized Washington Association of Administrative Law Judges is applying for affiliation with NAALJ as a state chapter, according to a late report received from Olympia member Bill Britton. Judge Britton also informs the Journal that legislation to create an independent administrative tribunal, similar to New Jersey's Office of Administrative Law, is before the Washington legislature.

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