research developed outside the law schools, or the insights gained by viewing contemporary problems from the broad perspectives of historical sequences.

"These enrichments of law teaching and scholarship are valuable, not because they conform to current intellectual fads, but because they respond to felt needs experienced by competent legal scholars in the course of their work." And, said Allen, "many lawyers have enjoyed the fruits of such scholarship in their practice of law."

Prof. Allen is the third member of the U-M law faculty to head the AALS. The late Prof. Edson R. Sunderland was president of the association in 1930, and Prof. Alfred Conard served as president in 1971.

Prof. Allen, who now holds the Edson R. Sunderland Professorship at the Law School, served as U-M law dean from 1966-71. Formerly he was a member of the law faculties of Northwestern University, Harvard University, and University of Chicago.

He has contributed many articles on criminal justice and constitutional law to legal and social work journals and has written and edited two books of legal analysis. Last year he was elected a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

In 1973 Prof. Allen, along with Prof. Robert Burt of the Law School, represented a state mental patient in a Detroit court case examining the legality of experimental brain surgery. In the case, which received considerable national attention, a panel of three judges ruled that experimental psychosurgery could not be performed on any person involuntarily detained in a state mental hospital, even if consent were given to the experiment.

Among other activities, Allen in the 1960’s served as chairman of the U.S. Attorney General’s Commission on Poverty and the Administration of Federal Criminal Justice, which laid the groundwork for legislative reforms in the treatment of indigent persons brought before federal courts.

Allen gave the prestigious Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., Lecture at Harvard University in 1973 and the Storrs Lecture at Yale University in 1975.

He is a member of the American Bar Association, American Correctional Association, Council of the American Law Institute, and the Advisory Committee on Probation and Corrections of the Federal Judicial Center, among other affiliations.

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**Professor Peter Steiner Elected AAUP Head**

Peter O. Steiner, professor of economics and law at The University of Michigan, has been elected to a two-year term as president of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP).

Prof. Steiner will assume office following the association’s 62nd annual meeting in Santa Barbara, Calif., June 24-26. With 75,000 members, the AAUP is the nation’s largest professional association of college and university teachers.

This will be the first time in the 62-year history of the AAUP that a U-M faculty member has held the presidency.

Prof. Steiner said he hopes the association can continue to “mobilize the effective force of the academic community in defense of academic values and thus in defense of higher education.”

“Our efforts,” said Steiner, “must occur at three levels: first, in the defense of individual faculty members and particular faculties that find their personal and academic freedom, employment, or other rights threatened; second, on behalf of identifiable groups such as minorities, women, non-tenured faculty, and those nearing retirement whose rights have been neglected or newly infringed under the guise of financial exigency; third, in support of the profession as a whole, its economic welfare, its role in academic governance, and its professional status.”

Prof. Steiner has been active in AAUP affairs for several years, including service on committees dealing with economic status of faculty, academic freedom, and tenure. He was chairman of the AAUP’s Committee on the Economic Status of the Profession from 1970-73 and chairman of the AAUP Task Force on the Wage-Price Freeze in 1971-72.

Prof. Steiner has been professor of economics and law at Michigan since 1968, and from 1971-74 he served as chairman of the U-M Department of Economics.

Prior to joining the Michigan faculty he taught at the University of Wisconsin and at the University of California at Berkeley.

Last year, while visiting professor at the University of Nairobi in Kenya, Steiner was asked to go into central Africa to help establish negotiations with Marxist guerrillas who were holding two Stanford University students and one Dutch woman as hostages.

“For nearly a month, gaining release of the hostages became the sole focus of my life,” the U-M professor recalled in a recent interview. “I lived with the issue day and night.”

In the end the negotiations were successful and the hostages were released.

In addition to his academic appointments Prof. Steiner has served the federal government and non-profit organizations. He has been a consultant to the Department of the Treasury, the Bureau of the Budget, and the American Council of Graduate Schools. He has served as a member of the Presidential Task Force on Productivity and Competition, and the Higher Education Advisory Committee on Wages and Prices.

Prof. Steiner has also been a faculty research fellow of the Social Science Research Council, a Guggenheim Fellow, and Ford Faculty Research Fellow.

Prof. Steiner is the author of many books and scholarly articles. His most recent book, Mergers, Motives, Effects, Policies, was published by the U-M Press in 1975.

He received an A.B. degree, magna cum laude, in 1943 from Oberlin College and an M.A. (1949) and Ph.D. (1950) in economics from Harvard University.

Other U-M professors besides Steiner hold leadership positions with national educational and scientific organizations. Currently U-M Prof. Wilbert J. McKeachie is serving as president of the 37,000-member American Psychological Association, and Prof. Charles Gibson of the U-M history department this year was elected president of the American Historical Association. Prof. Francis A. Allen of U-M Law School is president of the Association of American Law Schools (See related Law Quadrangle Notes story.)