

PROFESSOR JULIUS STONE, A.O., O.B.E., Q.C.

Professor Julius Stone died at his home in Sydney on 3 September 1985. He was 78 years of age.

Professor Stone became associated with the Law School of this University in its earliest days. The first students were enrolled in 1971. In 1972, when Professor Stone was due to retire from Challis Chair of International Law and Jurisprudence at the University of Sydney, which he had occupied for thirty years, our then Dean, the Hon. Hal Wootten, Q.C., invited Professor Stone to join the School as Visiting Professor. The invitation was accepted, and Professor Stone's association continued, without interruption, save for a concurrent appointment as Distinguished Professor of International Law and Jurisprudence at Hastings College of Law, University of California, until the time of his death.

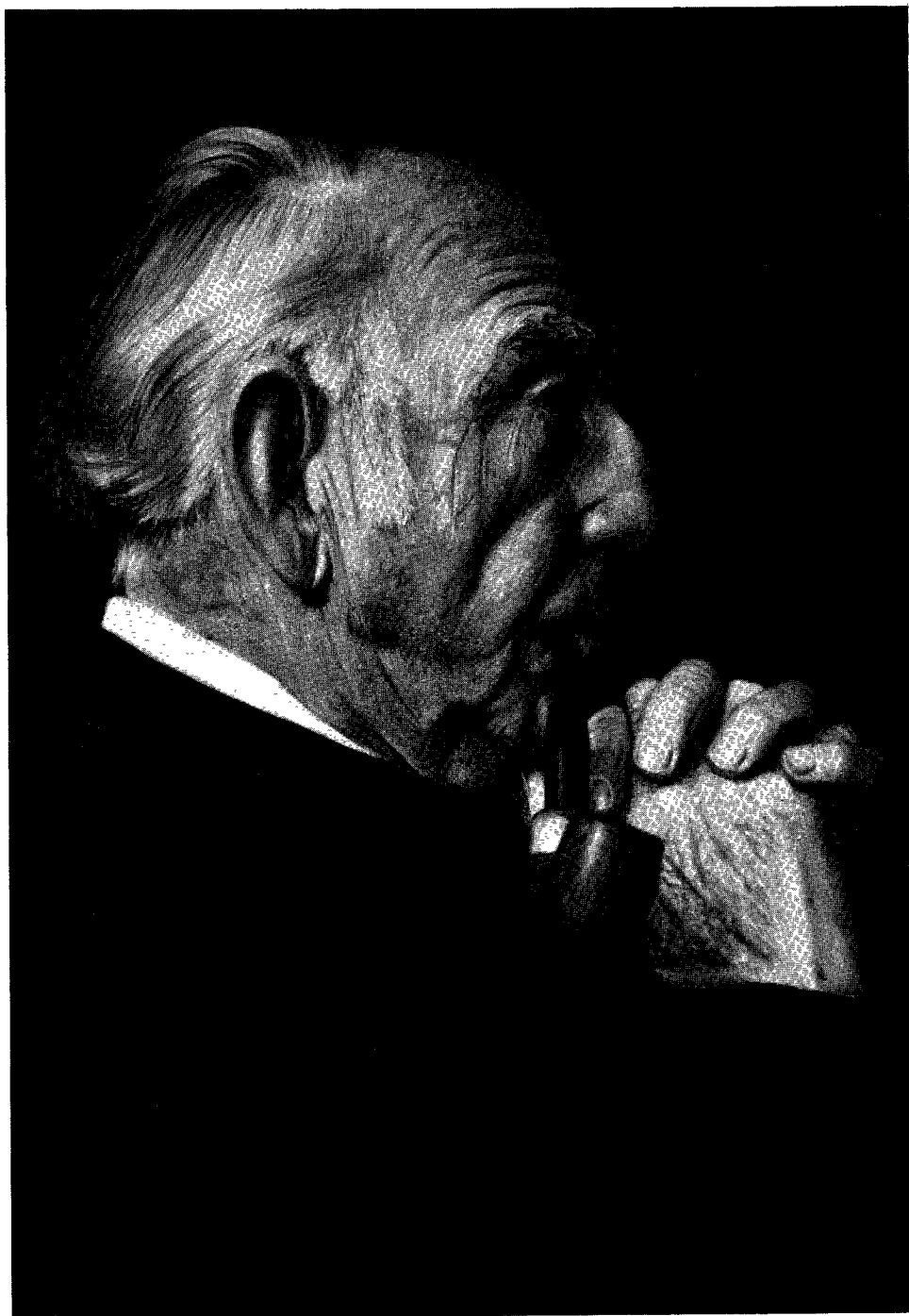
To many of his admirers Professor Stone will be known only through his writings, which comprised 34 books and 125 major articles. His last book *Precedent and Law – Dynamics of Common Law Growth* appeared just a few days after his death. That book marked the completion of a trilogy which began with his monumental and enduring contribution to jurisprudence, *The Province and Function of Law* (1946). The second of that trilogy, *Legal System and Lawyers' Reasonings* (1964), as well as *Human Law and Human Justice* (1965) and *Social Dimensions of Law and Justice* (1966), together represent a scholar who made an indelible mark on the juristic thought of the twentieth century. Equally influential was his contribution to international law, the main landmarks of which are *Legal Controls of International Conflict* (1954), *Aggression and World Order* (1958), *Of Law and Nations* (1974), and *Visions of World Order* (1984). It is impossible in this space to evaluate the impact of these and his other writings. Nor can the many honours and distinctions bestowed upon him be listed here. The reader must be directed to the critiques and tributes already published, or to be published, and also to *Legal Change-Essays in Honour of Julius Stone* (1983), a festschrift commemorating his 75th birthday. The next issue of this Journal will commemorate his life and thought.

To those of us, students and colleagues, who were fortunate to have known him personally Julius Stone was an indefatigable worker, an inspiring teacher, and a wise friend. He was generous towards the struggling student, but sharp towards the intellectually dishonest or slothful. His dedication to work was the product of self-discipline and an intense love of scholarship, qualities which carried him through the last three years when he was battling with cancer. To the very last week of his life, his mind was active and his pen productive. His passionate involvement with scholarly concerns did not preclude an active interest in practical affairs and controversies of the day; significantly *Stand Up and be Counted* is the title of one of his books. Nor was he a detached figure in his personal relationships. He enjoyed a rich family life, counted hundreds of his past students among his friends, and was a warm and loyal colleague who interested himself in all the affairs of the Law School and of its members. Indeed, in a young faculty, he was a father figure, a description which I am sure he would not have resented.

To the end Julius Stone looked not to the past but to the future. He planned new books, prepared for new challenges. Now it is for others to continue the work and to remind themselves of one of Julius' favourite quotations, from the Rabbinical Ethics of the Fathers, appropriately included in the funeral rites of the Jewish community of which he was a loyal and proud member: "It is not for you to complete the task, but neither are you free to desist from it."

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