

JULIUS STONE—IN MEMORIAM

The Israel Law Review mourns the death in Australia, on September 3, 1985, of Professor Julius Stone. Professor Stone died at the age of 78, after a brilliant career of almost six decades in the spheres of the philosophy and sociology of law, and international law. He taught at many outstanding universities in the United States, Australia, New Zealand and England, and authored more than 34 books and over 100 articles on a great variety of subjects—ranging from the social dimensions of law and justice to international conflict, and the role of law in foreign policy. His monumental work, *The Province and Function of Law*, first published in 1946, and expanded in the sixties into three famous books,¹ has been characterized by Sir Zelman Cowen “as the most comprehensive account yet written of jurisprudential thought”.

We wish to underline Professor Julius Stone’s special relationship to Israel and the Jewish people. We were honoured to have him as a visiting professor at the Faculty of Law of the Hebrew University, and he was the founding academic director of the University’s Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace. He was a frequent contributor to the Israel Law Review, and the very first issue of the Israel Law Review carries an inaugural supplement written by Prof. Stone.

His earliest book already reflected his sensitivity to the problems of the Jewish people—in 1932 he published a book on minority rights. In the forties, he spoke out against the British Mandatory Government’s betrayal of its duties towards the establishment of a Jewish National Home in Palestine. Some of his later writings deal with fundamental questions concerning the Arab-Israel conflict, including such basic problems as self-determination, the effect of U.N. resolutions, the use of force, and sovereignty in Jerusalem.

The international community has lost a brilliant teacher and scholar, and we have lost one of the best analysts of the legal problems facing the State of Israel.

May his memory be blessed.

¹ *Legal System and Lawyers’ Reasonings* (1964); *Human Law and Human Justice* (1965); *Social Dimensions of Law and Justice* (1966).