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NEW LEGAL AID
BOARD APPOINTED- - -
To be Chaired by
Norman G. Larsen

Attorney General Roland Penner has announced the appointment of a new board of directors for the Legal Aid Services Society.

Norman G. Larsen, former executive director for Legal Aid and presently director of education for the Law Society of Manitoba and professor at the University of Manitoba Faculty of Law, has been named chairperson. He succeeds Judge Frank Allen.

Also appointed to the board are:

- . Naomi Levine, a Winnipeg lawyer primarily engaged in criminal and family law.
- . Heather Leonoff, a lawyer with the Winnipeg law firm of Wolch, Pinx and Associates.
- . Diane Jones, a lawyer with the Winnipeg law firm of Aikins, MacAulay, Thorvaldson.
- . Joe Mullally, a lawyer for the Brandon law firm of Mullally, Carroll and Company.
- . Judy Cook-Hannibal, co-ordinator of volunteers at Klinik, a community-board health facility.
- . Chief Louis Stevenson, of the Peguis Indian Band. Chief Stevenson, who resides at Hodgson, served as an educational counsellor for eight years.
- . Reverend Art Seaman, of Neepawa, priest at St. Dominic's Roman Catholic Church.
- . Lena Pfund, of Wanless (near The Pas), a postmistress and activist for the Manitoba Metis Federation.
- . Rose Cuddy, a Manitoba human rights officer and former employee of Legal Aid, where she worked in a paralegal capacity.
- . Rob Tonn, an articling student with Aikins, MacAulay, Thorvaldson, who is expected to be called to the Bar this year. Mr. Tonn is also a former human rights officer.

Mr. Penner noted that Mr. Larsen, the new chairman, received his B.A. from United College in 1956. He taught in Manitoba public schools for five years before entering the Manitoba Law School where he obtained his law degree in 1968. He was called to the Manitoba Bar in 1969.

Mr. Larsen was in private practice until 1972 when he joined Legal Aid Manitoba as senior attorney of the first community law centre in Manitoba. As a legal aid lawyer, he was particularly interested in poverty law-- the law as it relates to low-income persons. He has also engaged in educational, or preventive, law, designed to assist persons in avoiding legal problems.

Prior to his appointment as director of education for the Law Society of Manitoba, Mr. Larsen served as director of research and education with Legal Aid Manitoba before becoming executive director in September, 1977 -- a position he retained until mid-1979.

The new directors replace, in addition to Mr. Allen: Richard Scott, Lloyd Lenton, Kenneth Filkow, Mark Schulman, Roderick Eric Stephenson, Margaret Didenko, Orest Lazaruk, Barbara Hamilton, Randolph McNicol and James Thunder.