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Entertainment features are being arranged and will include swimming and golf at the Broadmoor and a cocktail party on Saturday afternoon. Special arrangements for the entertainment of the ladies are being made by the wives of the El Paso County lawyers.

State Association to Seek Higher Dues

Declaring that the present income of the association is insufficient to finance the activities of the state bar, the Board of Governors at its June meeting unanimously urged a change in the by-laws so that beginning July 1, 1945, dues would be \$5.00 per year. This change in the by-laws, if made by the annual convention in September, will have the effect of bringing the income in line with the expenditures and permit the continuance of the looseleaf service, DICTA and the free services rendered to Colorado lawyers in the armed forces.

At the present time twenty-six state bar associations are charging annual dues of \$5.00, while seventeen charge in excess of \$5.00. The six state associations charging less than \$5.00 are Iowa, Maine, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire and Oklahoma. Not one of these associations is giving to its members as much service as the Colorado bar does, and in addition, assessments and contributions are used to make up deficits.

The Colorado state medical association, on the other hand, is charging annual dues of \$36.25, and the state dental association dues are in excess of \$5.00 per year, hence the raise in state bar dues is not excessive and does not measure up to the average of other professional associations or to trade and union groups in this state.

In addition to the fact that the raise in dues was actually required to run the state association, the action of the Board of Governors was prompted by the fact that a small number of men, by means of sustaining memberships and contributions, are each year carrying a major share of the financial load of the association. It was thought that this burden should be equally distributed. In addition, the waiving of dues of the members in military service, to whom is sent the publications and services of the association without cost, has increased the per capita cost of

the work of the association. Demands from the committees and sections of the association are increasing each year as their work expands.

In addition the board has in mind the voluntary statements of many opponents of integration that they would cheerfully pay increased dues in order to carry on the work of the association if the bar was not integrated.

Foreign Investments Must Be Reported

Benjamin E. Sweet, chairman of the Lawyers' War Emergency Committee, reports that under Treasury Department Special Regulation No. 1, issued June 1, 1943, every person subject to the jurisdiction of the United States who had on May 31, 1943, any interest whatsoever, direct or indirect, in any property in a foreign country, is required to report the same to the Federal Reserve Bank. Form TFR-500 in duplicate under oath must be filed on or before August 31, 1943.

No such report is required if the total value of such property in any one foreign country is less than \$1,000, or in all foreign countries less than \$10,000.

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