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## Editor's Note

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I have always been fond of the novel entitled *The Mouse That Roared* by Leonard Wibberley in which a small country is not taken seriously by the United States.<sup>1</sup> In that book, a fictional country called the Duchy of Grand Fenwick, which was five miles long and three miles wide, declares open war on the United States when a California winery copies the Duchy of Grand Fenwick's wine. The country declares war on the United States to protect its superior wine, which was the Duchy of Grand Fenwick's primary source of livelihood. The United States thinks the whole thing is a joke, but it does not find itself laughing when the Duchy of Grand Fenwick ends up winning the war, and controlling the world, by capturing a powerful bomb.

Currently, the *Pacific Law Journal* is in an analogous situation to the one the Duchy of Grand Fenwick faced. We might not be as well known as some of the other law reviews, but the legal world should heed the warning to take us seriously.

Volume 28 of the *Pacific Law Journal* epitomizes scholarly excellence. The articles appearing in Volume 28 have been written by law professors at some of the nation's top law schools. The student contributions are insightful and thought-provoking. In addition, our California legislative review has undergone major changes. We have decreased the number of bills being reviewed so that we may give intensive treatment to the most significant bills affecting California. Look for the review to appear in the Spring issue instead of the Winter issue.

Another example of our commitment to excellence is the symposium on child abuse that appears in this issue. It offers a psychological, medical, and legal perspective on child abuse and children as witnesses. For practitioners in this area, this symposium is a "must read."

I have frequently heard the phrase, "Law reviews are to be written in, not to be read." However, I can honestly say that Volume 28 represents not only the best volume in the history of our publication, but a worthwhile contribution to the sea of legal knowledge. I ask you, the readers of Volume 28, to read with a critical eye, and then I think you will not fault me for coining the new phrase: "Law reviews are to be written in, but the *Pacific Law Journal* is to be read."

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1. See LEONARD WIBBERLEY, *THE MOUSE THAT ROARED* (1955).

