



Jacob Scher, foreground, professor of journalism at Northwestern University, discusses an information bill to be introduced in Congress by the House Subcommittee on Government Information of which he is special legal counsel. Others, left to right: William Bray, manager, Missouri Press Association; Guy Easterly, Lafollette (Tenn.) Press; Dean Earl English; Paul Fisher; Herbert Brucker, Hartford (Conn.) Courant; and Howard Bell, vice-president, National Association of Broadcasters.

## The third freedom of information conference

The School of Journalism's Freedom of Information Center held its third annual Freedom of Information Conference on the University campus Nov. 17-18.

Appearing as speakers on the opening day were V. M. Newton, Jr., managing editor of the Tampa (Fla.) Tribune; O. R. Strackbein, chairman, Nation-Wide Committee of Industry, Agriculture, and Labor on Import-Export Policy; Robert Finkelstein, member, Rhode Island State Board of Education; and Charles H. Slayman, Jr., chief counsel and staff director of the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights of the Committee on the Judiciary.

Speaking on the second day of the conference were Allen Jensen, New York correspondent for the Berlingske Tidende (Copenhagen, Denmark), who read a paper for Dr. Vincent Naeser, publisher of the Berlingske Tidende; Kenneth G. Crawford, senior editor for national affairs, *Newsweek*; and Herbert Brucker, editor, Hartford Courant.

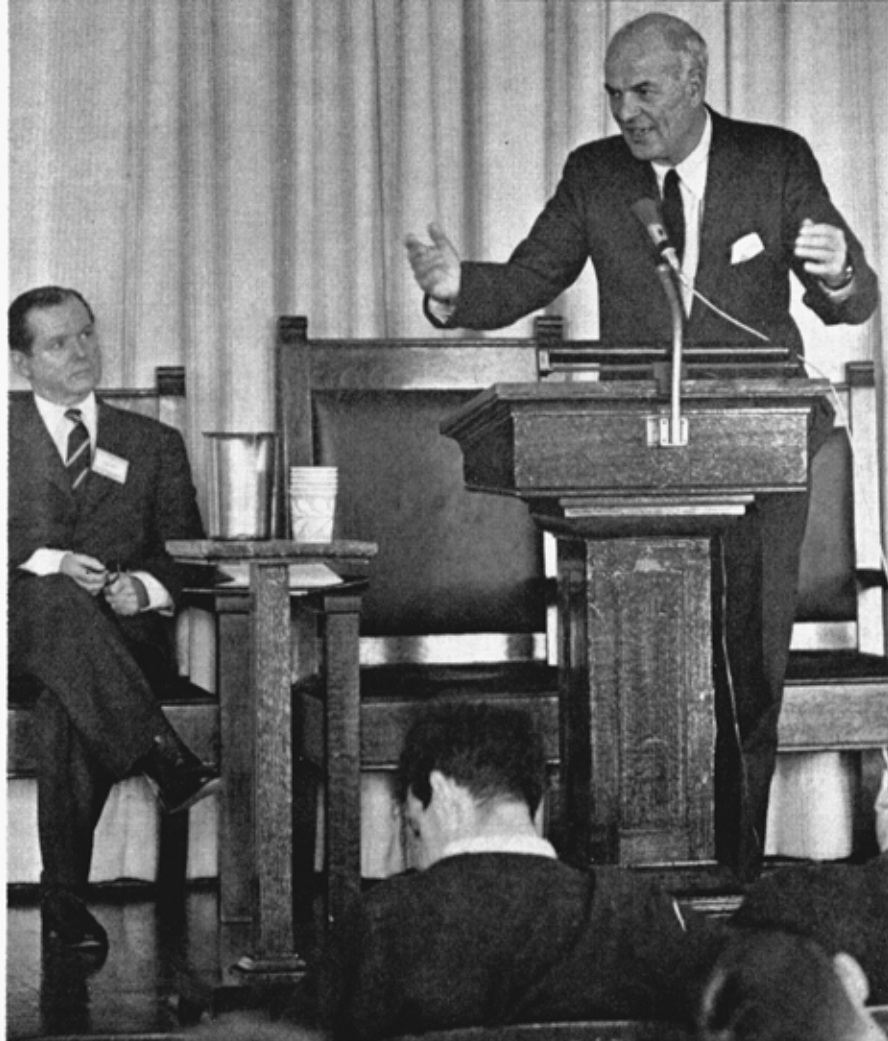
The program was concluded with the second Harold L. Cross Memorial Lecture, which was pre-

sented this year by Herbert Brucker. Dr. Cross, who died in 1959, was legal counsel for the American Society of Newspaper Editors. His book, *The People's Right to Know* (Columbia, 1953) is the standard reference in the field of freedom of information. Brucker, speaking on "The Philosophy of the Right to Know," said "man has a right to know the world he lives in. Since all men are born free and equal, so they have an unalienable right to the truth concerning the whole world about them, whatever that truth may be."

Brucker's talk will be printed as a separate booklet and will be printed also in a larger booklet containing all the conference speeches. These booklets will be mailed to all on the mailing list of the Freedom of Information Center and are available to others on request at no cost.

The advisory committee met during the mornings of each day in the Center's quarters in the School of Journalism building. Committee members are:

Howard Bell, National Association of Broadcasters,



*Above, Herbert Brucker delivers the Second Harold L. Cross Memorial Lecture. Seated is Hugh Boyd, the Home News, New Brunswick, N. J. Below, Nicolas Pentcheff, chief of the Bulgarian Desk, Radio Free Europe, New York, talks with a graduate student in Journalism.*

Washington, D. C.: Hugh Boyd, Home News, Brunswick, N. J.; William Bray, Missouri Press Association, Columbia, Mo.; Herbert Brucker, Hartford (Conn.) Courant; Joseph Costa, King Features, New York; Jules Dubois, Chicago Tribune; Arthur F. Duncan, Kansas City Star; Guy Easterly, Lafollette Publishing Company, Lafollette, Tenn.; Ware Edgar, Starke County Republican, Knox, Ind.; Coleman Harwell, The Herald and Citizen, Cookeville, Tenn.; Lowell E. Jessen, Livermore, Calif.; Malcolm Johnson, CBS-TV News, New York; L. Rex Miller, University of California, Los Angeles, Calif.; Nicolas Pentcheff, Radio Free Europe, New York; James S. Pope, Louisville (Ky.) Courier-Journal; Paul C. Smith, Lyon County Reporter, Rock Rapids, Ia.; Robert D. Swezy, Washington, D. C.; Robert M. White II, New York Herald-Tribune; James Russell Wiggins, Washington Post; Arthur L. Witman, St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Paul L. Fisher, Jr., is executive secretary of the FoI Center.

