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This Symposium Issue of the Duquesne University Law Review is dedicated to the memory of Professor David E. Feller. Professor Feller, one of the panelists on our Fifty-Year Retrospective of the Steel Seizure Case, passed away on February 10, 2003. At the time of his passing, Professor Feller was working on an article to be included in this issue. Although that article was never completed, we include in this issue two pieces written by Professor Feller. The first is a letter that he wrote to Professor Ken Gormley regarding his possible participation in the Symposium. The second piece is the article he was working on when he passed away. Both pieces, taken together, offer a glimpse into Professor Feller’s intimate involvement in the Steel Seizure case, as well as his wealth of knowledge in his area of expertise, labor law.

Neither, however, is a substitute for Professor Feller’s participation in our Symposium panel discussion. Professor Feller energized the overflow audience with his keen intellect, witty sense of humor, and abundant charm. You are able to read his remarks in the Symposium Transcript included in this issue. However, those of us who were present and had an opportunity to spend some
time with Professor Feller came away impressed with his zest for life. Although his health was frail, he flew across country to be a participant in a program recognizing an important event in American legal history. He was a teacher to the end, and, for three hours last November, he helped our panelists give a legal history presentation that we shall not soon forget. We were honored by his participation in the Symposium that gives us the opportunity to say—if for only several hours—that we were students of David Feller.

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