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Dr. Carnap, who was appointed professor of philosophy at the University of Chicago in 1936, is one of the leaders in the group revising and perfecting the logical analysis of Russell and Whitehead. Author of many well-known books in the field of logic and philosophy of science, Carnap came to Chicago after teaching in Vienna and the German University in Prague. Both he and Professor Jaeger received honorary degrees at the Harvard tercentenary.

Dr. Cohen, appointed professor of philosophy at the University in 1937, is one of the most eminent of the group of logicians who criticize the more extreme and novel parts of the Russell-Whitehead analysis and the more recent works by Dr. Carnap.

The presence of these distinguished logicians next year at the University of Chicago illustrates a dramatic recovery of the philosophy department which was weakened a few years ago by death, retirement and resignation. Five appointments to the department made since 1931 (in addition to the four already mentioned) provide for outstanding work in every field of philosophical study.

The department is comprised of Richard P. McKeon, professor of Greek and philosophy and Dean of the Division of the Humanities; T. V. Smith, professor; Charles W. Morris, Charner M. Perry, A. Cornelius Benjamin, and Charles Hartshorne, assistant professors, and Russell, Carnap, Jaeger, and Cohen.

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