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BOOK NOTES

Concerning English Administrative Law. By Sir Cecil Thomas Carr. New York: Columbia University Press. 1941. Pp. ix, 189. \$2.00.

Written by a man who, as a leading witness, did much to shape the Report of the Committee of Ministerial Powers of 1931, and who possesses a broad knowledge of American administrative law by research and of English administrative law by experience, this work is conspicuous for its scope, readability, wealth of illustration, and valuable suggestions.

The Independent Regulatory Commissions. By Robert E. Cushman. New York: Oxford University Press. 1941. Pp. 794. \$5.00.

This book is a comprehensive study of the independent regulatory commissions and their work covering the period from the Interstate Commerce Commission Act of 1887 to the present New Deal Legislation.

The Law of Labor Unions. By Edward M. Danger and Irene R. Shriber. Boston: National Law Publishers. 1941. Pp. xliii, 752. \$15.00.

An exhaustive and up-to-the-minute text on the law of labor unions, well indexed and capably organized, this book should be a valuable tool to all lawyers interested in labor law.

Principles of Public Finance. By Mayne S. Howard. Chicago: Commerce Clearing House, Inc. 1940. Pp. vii, 438. \$5.00.

This is the first volume of a coordinated System of Public Finance in which it is intended that "each chapter will ultimately be written by the expert or experts having the widest knowledge, and the most intimate experience with, each subject."

The Struggle for Judicial Supremacy. By Robert H. Jackson. New York: Alfred A. Knopf. 1941. Pp. xx, 361. \$3.00.

This is a dramatic review by the Attorney General of the struggle "between the principles of representative government and the opposing principle of judicial authority"; opening with a scathing criticism of judicial usurpation of legislative powers by judicial review, the book reaches an exultant conclusion with a discussion of the President's Court Reorganization Bill of 1936.

Historic Introduction to the Theory of Law. By J. Walter Jones. New York: Oxford University Press. 1941. Pp. xi, 304. \$4.00.

Though lacking objectivity, this book traces some of the main lines along which the "theory of law" has been moving in the United States and Europe, and furnishes an interesting account of the conceptions of law current in the totalitarian states of today.

Our Constitution: Tool or Testament. By Beryl Levy. New York: Alfred A. Knopf. 1941. Pp. xviii, 314. \$3.00.

This is the story of the growth of constitutional law, of the birth and recent death of judicial review, ending in an expression of unqualified faith in the "new order" of legislation supremacy, but granting cautious recognition to the virtues of the men who shaped both policies.

Studies in Federal Taxation. Third Series. By Randolph E. Paul. Cambridge: Harvard University Press. 1940. Pp. xi, 468. \$6.00.

These four studies in Federal taxation (corporate reorganizations, revocable trusts, mortgagors and mortgagees, and life insurance and annuities) cite some two thousand cases and authorities and are written from the perspective of one fully aware of the implications of the present emergency upon Federal tax policies.

A Quest for International Order. By Jackson H. Ralston. Washington: John Byrne and Co. 1941. Pp. xvi, 205. \$2.00.

With a criticism of the present tendency to treat international law as "positive" and not as "natural" law, Mr. Ralston suggests that the only possibility of an effective international law lies in a revision of the concept of International "natural" law as a law of states into a system in which the individual is recognized as the basic factor.

The Quest for Law. By William Seagle. New York: Alfred A. Knopf. 1941. Pp. 460. \$5.00.

This scholarly but readable work presents a résumé of the complete history of law, combining adequately the qualities of a survey of history with a comparative analysis of legal fundamentals.

Land Tenure Policies at Home and Abroad. By Henry W. Spiegel. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press. 1941. Pp. viii, 155. \$3.00.

Although too technical for ordinary lay consumption, this book for economists summarizes the legal background of inheritance, ownership, and tenancy in Europe and America. Taxation, rents, farm credits, suc-

cession laws and other factors are discussed in the light of their contributions to the development of land tenure policies in this and foreign countries.

How to Prove a Prima Facie Defense. By Howard Hilton Spellman. New York: Prentice-Hall, Inc. 1941. Pp. xv, 602.

This is a valuable and practical working tool for the inexperienced trial lawyer, presenting the questions and answers necessary to establish a prima facie defense to the most common forms of action, and offering "hints" or suggestions as to the dangers and possibilities of certain methods of examination.

BOOKS RECEIVED

Cases on Conflict of Laws. Second Edition. By Elliott E. Cheatam, Noel T. Dowling, Herbert F. Goodrich, and Erwin N. Griswold. Chicago: The Foundation Press, Inc. 1941. Pp. lxiii, 1158. \$7.00.

Constitutional Revolution, Ltd. By Edward S. Corwin. Claremont: Claremont Colleges. 1941. Pp. 121. \$2.00.

Cases on Constitutional Law. Second Edition. By Noel T. Dowling. Chicago: The Foundation Press. 1941. Pp. xlv, 1247. \$6.50.

Cases on Conveyances. Second Edition. By Marion Rice Kirkwood. Chicago: The Foundation Press, Inc. 1941. Pp. xviii, 756. \$6.00.

The Administration of Federal Work Relief. By Arthur W. MacMahon, John D. Millett, and Gladys Ogden. Chicago: Public Administration Service. 1941. Pp. ix, 407. \$3.75.

Cases on Sales. By Lawrence Vold. St. Paul: West Publishing Co. 1941. Pp. xxxiv, 945. \$5.50.

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