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BOOK NOTES

Production, Jobs and Taxes. By Harold M. Groves. Committee for Economic Development Research Study. New York: McGraw-Hill Co., Inc. 1944. Pp. xv, 116. \$1.25.

This book is indeed an outstanding contribution to the subject of taxation. In a study of the federal tax programs, the author points out that a revision of our present system is the only means by which we can achieve higher production and more jobs. He advocates changes in specific taxes to enable us to reach that goal. The treatment is clear, confined, direct; but thoroughness is not lacking in any of its pages. Every practical businessman will want to be familiar with the recommendations offered.

Public and Private Government. By Charles Edward Merriam. New Haven: Yale University Press. 1944. Pp. ix, 78. \$1.75.

This book is eighth in a series of the "Powell Lectures on Philosophy at Indiana University." The noted author is an authority on government, which he has observed from the states, businesses, and universities of Europe and the United States through the politics of Chicago where he once ran for mayor. The author presents his views of what the state and private enterprise should do to obviate the complex factors arising when public and private government meet head-on.

A Dictionary of American Politics. Edited by Edward Conrad Smith, Arnold John Zurcher and 12 Outstanding Authorities. New York: Barnes & Noble, Inc. 1944. Pp. vii, 358. \$3.00.

Here is the answer to the question: What is the meaning of the "Alphabet" administrative bodies created under the New Deal. But it is more than that. This book is a dictionary—as its title indicates—of words and phrases in general use pertaining to the political systems of the world. The contents embrace slogans, political slang, major court decisions, acts of congress, and a host of others. It will be an asset, a *must* to the political scientist, the lawyer, the layman interested in government.

Public Spending and Postwar Economic Policy. By Sherwood M. Fine. New York: Columbia University Press. 1944. Pp. vi, 177. \$2.50.

By the title, "Public Spending and Postwar Economic Policy," Dr.

Fine strikes the chord of a familiar melody, which has in this war-time world created a problem of no small import. A nation, which only a few decades ago witnessed the pangs of the greatest of all depressions, may well wonder with much concern as to what the future holds in store upon the cessation of the great government spendings for war outlays. Will private enterprise be able to cope with employment problems, or will the government again be forced to make large outlays for relief?

In his book, Dr. Fine discusses these various problems at length, presenting much thought-provoking material for the consideration of the professional economist to the interested layman. The New Deal economic policy and its results are evaluated and the lessons taught by that policy are assimilated.

The author has been on the staff of the Division of Monetary Research of the Treasury Department, and is now Principal Economic Analyst, Foreign Economic Administration.

Wartime Government in Operation. By W. H. Nicholls and John A. Vieg. Philadelphia: The Blakiston Co. 1943. Pp. ix, 109. \$1.50.

The authors of this short book have "attempted to go behind recent wartime government policies, analyzing the governmental framework within which these policies have been formulated and administered." The scope of the study covers the first twenty months of America's all-out preparation for war. Two fields, manpower and food, are thoroughly revealed and examined in detail. Each problem is discussed from the historical angle and carried through the administrative steps. Charts, clarifying certain points, assist in putting across this interpretation of the inter-relationships between labor and the farm elements. The last chapter of this book, which tells the story behind the rising cost of living, deals with the problem of promoting a more effective wartime government in the future. Suggestions in regard to governmental attitudes and machinery are offered to the legislative and executive branches, and to the general public.