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## BOOKS RECEIVED

**THE MIDDLE EASTERN STATES AND THE LAW OF THE SEA.** By Ali A. El-Hakim. Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 1979. Pp. 293. Tables, maps, and international agreements.

Ali El-Hakim, a legal consultant in Kuwait, has revised his thesis presented to Cambridge University in 1978. The author has surveyed and analyzed the legal problems of continental shelf areas and disputed sovereignty in the Arabian Gulf. Trends reflected in the third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea are examined. Specific regional problems concerning the Gulf of Aqaba and the straits of Tiran are discussed in a concise and comprehensive manner.

**COMPLIANCE AND PUBLIC AUTHORITY: A THEORY WITH INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS.** By Oran R. Young. Baltimore: Resources for the Future, 1979. Pp. 161.

The author examines methods used by public authorities to induce citizen compliance and the calculations made by individuals in deciding whether to comply. Behavioral prescriptions and the possible undesirable side effects of induced compliance are analyzed by the author. In this context, two treaties are examined in detail: the Partial Nuclear Test Ban Treaty and the International North Pacific Fisheries Convention. The work's approach is interdisciplinary, and it covers a wide range of literature in political science, philosophy, economics, and international affairs.

**DOING BUSINESS WITH THE RUSSIANS.** Under license from Westshore, Inc. New York: Praeger Publishers, 1978. Pp. 166.

This book is a collection of addresses, essays, and lectures discussing Russian commercial policy and East-West trade. Westshore has compiled works by some of the leading experts on the Soviet system including Joseph Berliner, Gregory Grossman, Paul Marer, and Marshall Shulman. The book sets forth the basic ground rules for practical operation in the Soviet system, and it notes the taboos within the system.

**TAX LAW AND POLICY IN THE E.E.C.** By Alexander James Easson. London: Oceana Publications, 1980. Pp. 269. Tables of treaty provisions, secondary legislation, cases, and statistics.

The book is concerned with the tax law and policy of the European Economic Community (EEC). The author stresses the development of "community law and policy" and the fiscal implications of this development. Three major areas are emphasized: (1) the tax provisions in the EEC treaty; (2) the harmonization of turnover taxes and other taxes; and (3) the fiscal aspects of Community policies. The author assimilates the case law, treaties, and statutes in this area into a cohesive study of the effects of these developments on the movement of goods, people, and capital within and outside the Community.

**THE COLLAPSE OF WELFARE REFORM: POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS, POLICY AND THE POOR IN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.** By Christopher Leman. Cambridge, Mass.: The MIT Press, 1980. Pp. 227.

Professor Leman provides an historical and demographic account of the development of poverty policies in Canada and the United States, recounting the legislative and public debates that accompanied the "welfare expansion." He stresses the importance of political institutions and policy design in the shaping of the welfare system and concludes by contrasting them with the patterns of policy development that emerged during the collapse of welfare reform.

**GIFTS AND PROMISES.** By John Philip Dawson. New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 1980. Pp. 237.

Based on his talks at the Storr Lectures at Yale Law School in 1978, John Dawson's book compares Continental and United States law regarding gifts and promises and offers a new interpretation of the past and present treatment of the gratuitous promise—the promise without consideration. The book is premised on the notion that bargain consideration still is the central feature of contract law and provides the reason underlying the enforcement of promises.

**A GUIDE TO EUROPEAN COMMUNITY LAW.** By P.S.R.F. Mathijsen. London: Street and Maxwell, 3d ed. 1980. Pp. 256. Tables of cases, treaties, and Community secondary legislation.

Professor Mathijsen, Director-General of the Commission of

the European Communities, traces the development of Community law in his most recent edition of *A Guide*. His objective is to present to the reader an overall view of the state of Community law by examining the institutions, the Community acts, and the treaties involved in forming and regulating the Community. The book closes with an examination of the goals and activities of the EEC.

**THE LAW OF BANKERS' COMMERCIAL CREDIT.** By H.C. Gutteridge and Maurice Megrah. London: Europa Publications Ltd., 1979. Pp. 289. Table of statutes and reprints of Uniform Customs and Practice for Documenting Credits, Uniform Rules for a Combined Transport Document, and the Uniform Commercial Code-Article 5.

This is the sixth edition of the Gutteridge text dealing with credit and banking law in Great Britain. The text details the mechanisms of bankers' commercial credit and the relationships arising therefrom. It is an excellent source of authorities and commentaries of practical use to those in the field.

**SPACE POLICY AND PROGRAMMES TODAY AND TOMORROW: THE VANISHING DUOPOLE.** By Nicolas Mateesco Matte. Montreal: McGill University, 1980. Pp. 183.

Nicholas Matte is the director of the Institute of Air and Space Law at McGill University and the author of numerous books and articles on air and space law. *Space Policy* was based on a paper presented at the Smithsonian Institution's Key Issues in Science Today lecture series in 1979. The author traces the development of the United States and Soviet space programs from 1957 to the present with particular emphasis on various statements of policy and purpose by both countries. The author concludes his paper with suggestions for new policies and programs at the national and international levels.

**EL CONFLICTO HONDURAS—EL SALVADOR Y EL ORDEN JURIDICO INTERNACIONAL (1969).** By James Rowles. San Jose de Costa Rica: Editorial Universitaria Centroamericana (EDUCA), 1980. Pp. 303. Spanish language. Appendix.

This timely book describes the political, economic, and social factors in El Salvador and Honduras that led to the 1969 war between the two countries, and whose legacy can be found in the

turmoil in which Central America is currently embroiled. The study examines the ways in which international law was brought to bear by the Organization of American States (OAS) and the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance (Rio Treaty). The legal claims made by the parties and the use of international legal machinery are carefully evaluated in an effort to balance the competing claims of the principles of non-intervention and those of intervention to protect human rights. Since the OAS Charter and the Rio Treaty must be taken into account by any parties contemplating military intervention in the region, the book should be of particular interest to those who desire to understand the implications of potential United States military involvement in El Salvador, Nicaragua or Cuba, as well as to those interested in the use of OAS peacekeeping machinery.