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## BOOKS RECEIVED

**DOCUMENTS ON PRISONERS OF WAR.** Edited by Howard S. Levie. Newport, Rhode Island: Naval War College Press, 1979. Pp. 841.

Volume 60 in the Naval War College series on International Law Studies is a collection of documents concerning prisoners of war. The collection starts with the Bible and the Koran and traces the development of treaties concerning or involving prisoners of war from 1648 through 1977. It is a complete and detailed source of treaties and protocols on this subject, and an excellent reference book for anyone interested or concerned with the development of the rights of prisoners of war and the duties of the capturing nation.

**CHINESE FAMILY LAW AND SOCIAL CHANGE IN HISTORICAL AND COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE.** Edited by David C. Buxbaum. Seattle, Washington: University of Washington Press, 1978. Pp. 553. Bibliography and Chinese-English Glossary.

This collection of papers, delivered at a conference sponsored by the University of Washington Law School, August 1968, attempts to deal with the subject of "law and social change." The role of law as an instrument of social change in China is examined from the perspectives of sociologists, anthropologists and legal scholars. Parts One, Two and Three deal with marriage, partition and divorce in traditional China, Taiwan, and the effects of the various religious sects. Parts Four and Five examine marriage and divorce in the People's Republic of China and the comparative developments in Taiwan, Indonesia, and India, as well as the effect of changes in religious tenets and policy. The collection closely reviews the role of the family, of religion, and of the government in its examination of law and social change.

**THE DEFINITION OF LAW.** By Herman Kantorowicz. Edited by A. H. Campbell. New York: Octagon Books, 1980. Pp. 89. \$13.50.

A. H. Campbell, Regius Professor of public law at the University of Edinburgh, has edited a collection of the fragmented writings of the late Dr. Herman Kantorowicz with very few editorial alterations. Dr. Kantorowicz discusses law as divided into two

branches: formal law and free law. These are analyzed using the doctrine of conceptual pragmatism. Topics covered are: definition of law; law and nature; law and morals; and law as "considered justiciable."

**THE LEGAL REGIME OF ISLANDS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW.** By Derek W. Bowett. Dobbs Ferry, New York: Oceana Publications, Inc., 1978. Pp. 337. Diagrams and Maps.

In Part One, the author, in great detail, discusses the methods of defining an island and the sovereignty of the island and its territorial sea. The different types of islands, such as river islands, artificial islands or the archipelagos, are examined in terms of the consequences of definition and the effect of the law due to its definition. Part Two is a specific discussion of four different island groups: the English Channel, the Aegean Sea, the China Sea, and the Gulf of Venezuela. The base-lines from which maritime limits are drawn and any islands in dispute are examined through the legal and governmental processes. The author has been able to describe the various aspects of international island law with precision and clarity.

**INTERNATIONAL NORMS AND NATIONAL POLICY.** By Frederick O. Bonkovsky. Michigan: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1980. Pp. 214.

Frederick Bonkovsky, educated at Yale and Harvard University, currently teaches at Columbia Theological Seminary and Emory University. His book addresses the need to establish mutually acceptable standards by which to regulate affairs between nations. He traces the theories of international politics from their origins with the ancient Greeks into the present. He suggests, as an alternative, the adoption of "procedural" norms, based on an awareness of and respect for the stated values and goals of other nations. The contents cover such topics as exclusion and political escapism, universalism and national sovereignty, positivism and American legalism, and American Just-War thinking.

**INTERNATIONAL PAYMENTS WITH SPECIAL REGARD TO MONETARY SYSTEMS.** By Ivan Meznerics. Budapest, Hungary: Sijthoff & Noordhoff, 1979. Pp. 269.

Foreign exchange and international banking are examined and explained in this primer on international payments. Documentary

credits, collection, and bank guarantees are discussed as well as the scope and legal aspects of international payments. This background material is in turn reviewed in terms of foreign exchange legislation, uniform payment systems in socialist countries, the IMF, and the UNCITRAL. While this book does not delve into any one area in great detail, it offers an excellent introduction to the area.

**SOGOSHOSHA: ENGINES OF EXPORT-BASED GROWTH.** By Yoshi Tsurumi. Vermont: Renouf U.S.A., 1980. Pp. 91. \$8.95.

Yoshi Tsurumi offers an enlightening examination of the *sogoshosha*, the Japanese general trading companies. He explores the importance and impact of their wide-ranging communication and financial networks that have been in use since 1945. Tsurumi analyzes past and present developments of these trading firms and their adaption to dynamic changes in the business environment. He gives special emphasis to the possible use of this type of firm in the U.S. and Canada and the long range effects of their use in Japan on the U.S. economy.

**TOWARDS A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER.** By Mohammed Bedjaoui. New York: Holmes & Meier, 1979. Pp. 261.

The first in a new UNESCO series entitled "New Challenges to International Law" is by the Algerian Ambassador to Paris and a present member of the U.N. International Law Commission. He covers the topics of International Order of Poverty, the Predatory Economy and International Law of Indifference, an Evaluation of the Balance of Power, International Development Law, Normative Action and Institutional Action.

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