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### *Foreign Legal Systems*

ELKIND, J., *THE IMPACT OF AMERICAN LAW ON ENGLISH AND COMMONWEALTH LAW, A BOOK OF ESSAYS*; West Publishing Company, St. Paul, MN 55012 (1978); LC 77-089013; xvii, 362 pp.; appendices, table of cases, index.

This compendium traces the influence that American law, both judicially and legislatively created, has had on the laws of England and members of the Commonwealth. The book does not purport to be an exhaustive survey, but highlights the adoption of aspects of American law by English law. The essay also gives an overview of the areas in which English common law has had an effect on American law.

MERRYMEN, J.H., & CLARK, D.S., *COMPARATIVE LAW: WESTERN EUROPEAN AND LATIN AMERICAN LEGAL SYSTEMS; CASES AND MATERIALS*; The Bobbs-Merrill Co., Inc., Indianapolis, New York, and Charlottesville, Virginia (1978); ISBN 0-672-83379-4; xlvii, 1278 pp.; index, table of readings, table of tables, list of foreign abbreviations. Contemporary Legal Education Series. Preface by M. Cappelletti.

The authors introduce the civil law system including variations contributed by Latin America. Attention is given to Latin America's intellectual history, structure, legal education, and legal profession. Procedures, rules, and pleading and proof of foreign law are included.

NEWCIY, M., *COPYRIGHT LAW IN THE SOVIET UNION*; Praeger Publishers, 200 Park Ave., New York, NY 10017 (1978); LAW 346'.47'0482 76-12867, ISBN 0-275-56450-9; 212 pp.; appendix, bibliographical references, index.

Newcity gives a brief background of copyright law in Tsarist Russia and examines the current copyright law of the Soviet Union, including personal and property rights and remedies afforded authors in a totalitarian legal framework. The book considers developments and controversies since Soviet accession to the Universal Copyright Convention (UCC) in 1973. Of particular interest are the rights of internal dissidents publishing in the Soviet Union and abroad, and the general East-West exchange of information and literary and scientific works, both before and after accession to the UCC. Included in the appen-

dix are the copyright provisions of the USSR Fundamentals of Civil Legislation and of the RSFSR Civil Code as amended through October, 1976.

*Human Rights*

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, *POLITICAL IMPRISONMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA*; Amnesty International Publications, 10 Southampton Street, London WC2E-7HF (1978); available in the U.S. from Amnesty International U.S.A., 2112 Broadway, New York, NY 10023; \$2.00; ISBN 0-900058-70-6; 108 pp.

This Amnesty International publication is a recent contribution to the growing international effort to protect basic human rights. The report is a result of Amnesty International's study of the widespread use of torture by the South African regime to silence conscientious opposition to apartheid. *Political Imprisonment in South Africa* gives profiles of seven prisoners of conscience and describes the South African legal structure created by the government to consolidate white political power and social and economic privilege and foreclose effective black opposition.

*International Business and Taxation*

DREVER, J.S., HABERLER, B., & WILLETT, T.D. (editors), *EXCHANGE RATE FLEXIBILITY*; American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, 1150 Seventeenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036 (1978); \$5.75 (also available in cloth, \$10.75); ISBN 0-8447-2124-7, ISBN 0-8447-2123-9 pbk.; 288 pp. AEI Symposia 78-C.

The volume contains the edited 1976 proceedings of the Conference on Exchange Rate Flexibility and the International Monetary System, cosponsored by the American Enterprise Institute and the United States Treasury Department. The first three sessions of the conference evaluated the initial performance of the new international monetary systems of flexible exchange rates. The fourth and fifth sessions centered attention on two issues facing this system, the international surveillance of exchange rates and balance of payments policies, and the management and control of international liquidity.

*International Organizations*

WORKERS' EDUCATION AND ITS TECHNIQUES; ILO Publications, International Labour Office, DH-1211 Geneva 22, Switz. (1976); ISBN 92-2-100195-4 (paper); 199 pp.; appendices, index, references.

This is a training manual in the purposes, scope, and techniques of workers' education. Primarily for underdeveloped countries, it is the International Labour Office's response to trade unionists' need for a modern guide to educating the worker-student in practical areas such as trade unionism, labor legislation, industrial relations, and economic and social democracy.

*International Politics and Government*

CERNY, K.H. (editor), *GERMANY AT THE POLLS: THE BUNDESTAG ELECTION OF 1976*; American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, 1150 Seventeenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036 (1978); \$4.75; ISBN 0-8447-3310-5; 208 pp.; footnotes, tables, maps, index, contributors. Appendix on recent Bundestag election statistics.

The 1976 elections in the Federal Republic of Germany demonstrate the emergence of a strong two-party system in that country, according to seven German and three U.S. scholars. The book analyzes the narrow victory of the coalition of the Social Democratic party and the Free Democratic party (over the opposition coalition of the Christian Democratic Union and Christian Social Union). The development of the four major parties, the eight elections since the Federal Republic was formed in 1949, and the impact of the four nationwide newspapers are discussed by the various authors.

CLEMENS, W., *THE U.S.S.R. AND GLOBAL INTERDEPENDENCE: ALTERNATIVE FUTURES*; American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, 1150 Seventeenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036 (1978); \$3.25; ISBN 0-8447-3292-3; 113 pp.; footnotes, index, tables. AEI Foreign Affairs Study Series No. 190.

Professor Clemens analyzes the trends and political implications of Western trade and detente with the Soviet Union. Despite suspicion on both sides, Clemens sees a trend toward global cooperation. Policy stances in the Soviet Union are grouped into four categories: detente and trade, globalism (subordination of national interests), forward strategy (exploitation of Western weaknesses), and autarky (isolationism). Clemens argues that at least limited participation by the Soviet Union in international programs is needed in an interdependent world.

PENNIMAN, H.R. (editor), *IRELAND AT THE POLLS: THE DAIL ELECTIONS OF 1977*; American Enterprise Institute for Public

Policy Research, 1150 Seventeenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036 (1978); \$4.75; ISBN 0-8447-3300-8; 199 pp.; footnotes, glossary, tables, maps, index, appendices, contributors.

*Ireland at the Polls* was written by four of Ireland's leading political scholars: Basil Chubb, Brian Farrell, Maurice Manning, and Richard Sinnott. The focus of the selections is the Irish general election of 1977 where the Fianna Fail Party triumphed over the incumbent National Coalition of the Fine Gael and Labor Parties. The authors analyze Irish society, its political and electoral systems, and the 1977 campaign and election. Included are discussions of the history of Irish political parties and the media coverage of the campaign. The conclusions encompass reasons for the surprising outcome of the election, the effects of that outcome, and prospects for the future of Ireland.

RANNEY, A., & SARTORI, G. (editors), *EUROCOMMUNISM: THE ITALIAN CASE*; American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, 1150 Seventeenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036 (1978); \$4.75; ISBN 0-8447-2135-2 (ISBN 0-8447-2135-4 pbk.); 196 pp.; footnotes, tables. AEI Symposia 78-G.

Twelve noted American and Italian scholars and politicians discuss the influence of communism on Europe, focusing on Italy. The papers, presented at a conference sponsored by the American Enterprise Institute and the Hoover Institution, cover the "opening to the left in the 1960's," the Italian Communist party, and current Italian politics.

The papers cover the broader area of Eurocommunism, including the Spanish and French communist parties, and compares them to traditional Marxism-Leninism. Sections analyze the foreign policy of the United States in this regard and make suggestions for the future.

WEINER, M., *INDIA AT THE POLLS*; American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, 1150 Seventeenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036 (1978); \$3.75 (paper); ISBN 0-8447-3304-0, LC 78-15030; 150 pp.; footnotes, tables, maps, index, appendices. Studies in Political and Social Processes. With special assistance of N. Desai, R. Berrier, and P. Brass.

Myron Weiner gives a firsthand account of the campaign leading to the historic defeat of the authoritarian rule of Indira Ghandi's Congress party government. The Opposition leaders, most of them newly released from jail, united to form the Jan-

ata party and campaigned on the single issue of restoring democracy. From his analysis of the returns Weiner concludes that, beyond the striking and unexpected north/south cleavage, the most notable pattern was the absence of any significant variations between urban and rural India. The author further assesses the effects of these developments in the party system of India on elections held since March, 1977.

*United States Foreign Policy*

AMERICAN ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH, *THE ROLE OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF IN NATIONAL POLICY*; American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, 1150 Seventeenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036 (1978); \$2.00 (paper); ISBN 0-8447-2138-7, LC 78-64988; 42 pp. AEI Forum 21.

An edited transcript of a Round Table held on August 2, 1978, including John Charles Day, Moderator; General George S. Brown, Senator John C. Culver, Dr. Curtis W. Tarr, and General Maxwell D. Taylor. This brief history and current analysis of the Joint Chiefs of Staff emphasizes measures needed to improve its operation as an advisor to the leadership of a civilian-managed government. Topics include interservice rivalry within the Joint Chiefs, the all-volunteer army, and the quality of advice given to civilians.

COFFEY, K.J., *MANPOWER FOR MILITARY MOBILIZATION*; American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, 1150 Seventeenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036 (1978); \$2.75; ISBN 0-8447-3291-5; 47 pp.; footnotes.

Coffey presents the problems associated with an All-Volunteer Force and how this may seriously affect the NATO obligations of the United States. The author examines the ability of the United States to deploy units on short notice and the extent of combat-ready replacements.

The study attributes most manpower deficiencies to recruiting policies. Coffey concludes with possible corrective actions, costs, and their political consequences.

PALMER, B.K. (editor), *GRAND STRATEGY FOR THE 1980's*; American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, 1150 Seventeenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036 (1978); \$3.25; ISBN 0-8447-3294-X, LC 78-57065; 113 pp.; footnotes, Forward by Robert J. Pranger.

Report examining the United States' need for a central strategy to coordinate its disjointed interests, including national defense. This study, which consists of related articles by five former top ranking military officers, addresses such issues as national arms policy, strategic guidelines for the United States, and a comparison of Soviet strategy and U.S. counter-strategy, with a view to the next decade.

*World Peace*

DEBENEDETTI, C., ORIGINS OF THE MODERN AMERICAN PEACE MOVEMENT, 1915-1929; KTO Press, A Division of Kraus-Thompson Organization Ltd., Route 100, Millwood, New York 10546 (1978); ISBN 0-527-22070-1; xv, 281 pp.; footnotes, bibliographic essay, preface. KTO Studies in American History.

Charles DeBenedetti describes the social philosophy of the peace movement—its factions and coalitions—during the crucial stages from World War I to the economic crash of 1929. The major groups include internationalists, legalists, and peace reformers (including feminists, pacifists, and Protestant clergymen). The book analyzes the aims of the participants, such as strengthening the World Court, international arbitration, and the League of Nations.

DeBenedetti, a professor of history at the University of Toledo, approaches the topic from a social and historical perspective. He discusses attempts to build one coalition for peace, the conflicts of the individuals (between peace and other values), and the philosophical struggle to harmonize strong nationalism in America with a viable peace movement.