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#### CRIMINAL JUSTICE

A STUDY OF THE PROBLEM OF HOT PURSUIT BY THE POLICE. Edmund F. Fennessy, Thomas Hamilton, Kent B. Joscelyn, and John S. Merritt. Center for the Environment and Man, Inc. Hartford, Conn. July, 1970. Pp. 260. The document covers police "hot pursuit" of fleeing drivers, an active attempt by a law enforcement officer in a patrol car to apprehend occupants of a moving motor vehicle, the driver of which is resisting apprehension. The purpose of the study was to determine the nature and magnitude of the hot pursuit problem nationally and to prepare guidelines to assist the police in dealing with it. Order Number PB-194 202. \$3.00.

A CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING PROGRAM AND INSTITUTE FOR SOUTH CAROLINA. South Carolina State Planning and Grants Division, Columbia, S.C. February, 1970. Pp. 34. The report summarizes, in memorandum form, the results of an analysis of the personnel training need of the several public groups involved in the criminal justice field and outlines the physical facilities necessary to accommodate these training needs. Order Number PB-197 484. \$3.00.

A STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF PUBLIC DEFENDER ACTIVITIES. Gerald W. Smith. Ohio State University Research Foundation, Columbus, Ohio. June, 1970. Pp. 168. Using over 27,000 criminal cases processed in the Superior Court of Los Angeles County (California) during 1968, the author investigates the view that the public defender is less effective for his client than is a private attorney. The statistical data on the cases was divided into 20 information variables. Three types of questions were addressed to the data: who is served by the public defender, how do public defenders dispose of their cases, and what happens to the cases handled by public defenders. The report includes a chapter on the history of the methods of indigent representation and opinions on the value of the public defender, a chapter on

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the analytical methodology, a chapter describing the statistical analysis results by information variable among types of attorneys, a summation of results based on an original weighting scale for sentences to determine comparison of attorneys' effectiveness, and an appendix of statistical data. Order Number PB-197 648. \$3.00.

A STUDY OF THE NEED FOR ARREST POWERS BY FEDERAL TROOPS PERFORMING CIVIL DISTURBANCE MISSIONS. David H. Stem. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. 1970. Pp. 46. By analyzing missions performed by Federal troops in civil disturbances and reviewing other techniques which might accomplish the same purpose, a determination is made with respect to the need for arrest powers. Order Number AD-713 356. \$3.00.

REGIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLAN. Lubbock Metropolitan Council of Governments, Lubbock, Texas. May, 1969. Pp. 75. The document presents a plan for the prevention of crime, increased efficiency of law enforcement, improved administration of justice, and increased effectiveness of correctional systems in Crosby, Dickens, Garza, Lamb, and Lubbock Counties, Texas. Order Number PB-191 840. \$3.00.

#### ENVIRONMENT

STATE RADIATION CONTROL LEGISLATION 1970. Bobby L. Dillard. Bureau of Radiological Health (Office of Regional Operations), Rockville, Md. March, 1971. Pp. 43. This report, which presents a review of state radiation control legislation, has been divided into three sections: legislation approved during calendar year 1970; legislation defeated or pending during calendar year 1970; and existing laws or statutes governing ionizing radiation, non-ionizing radiation and radiologic technology. An index and a brief description of each bill introduced in 1970 are included. Order Number PB-198 374. \$3.00.

THE IMPACT OF FEDERAL WATER LEGISLATION AT THE STATE AND LOCAL LEVEL. Kenneth A. Hammond, Daniel P. Beard, and Keith W. Muckleston. Central Washington State College (Dept. of Geography), Ellensburg, Washington. October, 1970. Pp. 358. This study involves the history of land and water resource legislation and the multitude of problems arising from a decentralized government. It relates directly to intergovernmental and interorganizational relations, the practice of purchasing cooperation through grants-in-aid, the evolution of goals for society, the means chosen to attain goals for society, and the institutional reactions to changed public preferences. Special attention is given to the impact on state and local institutional arrangements, financial commitment and planning. Some conclusions are reached and suggestions for improvements are made. Order Number PB-196 309. \$6.00.

#### INSURANCE: AUTOMOBILE

ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES OF AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT INJURIES. VOLUME I. SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS (PART 1); REFERENCE TABLES (PART 2). Westat Research, Inc. Bethesda, Md. April, 1970. Pp. 396. The report presents the results of a probability survey of police-reported injuries and fatalities due to automobile accidents in the 48 contiguous states and the District of Columbia. The study represents 500,000 fatalities and seriously injured persons. Order As: TD1.18: Ac2.V1 from Superintendent of Documents, GPO, Washington, D.C. 20402. \$2.75.

ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES OF AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT INJURIES. VOLUME II. APPENDICES (PART 3), Westat Research, Inc. Bethesda, Md. April, 1970. Pp. 299. The report presents the results of a nationwide survey which identified and quantified the economic consequences of automobile accidents and the sources and amounts of compensation received by seriously injured or killed victims and their families. Order As: TD1.17: Ac2.V2 from Superintendent of Documents, GPO, Washington, D.C. 20402. \$2.25.

**PUBLIC ATTITUDES TOWARD AUTO INSURANCE.** Survey Research Center, University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, Mich. March, 1970. Pp. 297. The report presents the results of a survey of consumer attitudes toward automobile insurance, including levels of satisfaction and dissatisfaction with the present system and preferences for reform. The volume also includes a representative selection of consumer complaint letters and insurance company comments on the letters. Order As: TD1.17: AU8 from Superintendent of Documents, GPO, Washington, D.C. 20402. \$1.25.

AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT LITIGATION. Federal Judicial Center, Washington, D.C. April, 1970. Pp. 347. The report analyzes the automobile accident litigation process and the impact of this litigation upon the existing compensation system. It contains national profiles and/or estimates regarding claims processing time from suit filing to disposition and work load impact and administrative costs of automobile accident litigation on the state and federal courts. Estimates and national profiles are given regarding the degree of concentration of automobile personal injury practice among plaintiff and defense attorneys and of the relationship between gross settlements, attorney fees, and legal preparation expenses. Order As: RD1.17: AC2/2 from Superintendent of Documents, GPO, Washington, D.C. 20402. \$2.75.

THE ORIGIN AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE NECLIGENCE ACTION. Wex S. Malone, Fleming James, Cornelius J. Peck, and Dix W. Noel. Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C. March, 1970. Pp. 95. The report is a compilation of four papers which review the origin, development, objectives, and present status of the negligence action. The papers further discuss the relevancy of these matters to current automobile accident compensation law. Order As: TD1.17:N31 from Superintendent of Documents, GPO, Washington, D.C. 20402. \$0.45.

COMPARATIVE STUDIES IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT COMPENSATION. Andre Tune, Werner Pfennigstorf, Donald R. Harris, Jan Hellner, and Allen M. Linden. Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C. April, 1970. Pp. 186. The report is a collection of five papers by noted foreign scholars on the automobile accident compensation systems of their respective countries: France, Germany, Great Britain, Sweden, and Canada. The papers focus on problems and reform proposals current in these countries and provide basic descriptions of how each system operates. Order As: TD1.17: C73 from Superintendent of Documents, GPO, Washington, D.C. 20402. \$0.75.

CONSTITUTIONAL PROBLEMS IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT COMPENSA-TION REFORM. Lindsen Cowen, Joseph W. Bishop, Jr. and C. Dallas Sands. Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C. April, 1970. Pp. 98. The report is a compilation of three papers which explore, with respect to the Federal Constitution, the constitutionality of certain widely proposed reform measures for automobile accident compensation, whether enacted at the state or federal level. Particular emphasis is given in the first two papers to the validity of these measures under the due process and equal protection clauses of the fourteenth amendment. The third paper principally discusses sources of constitutional power for federal legislation. Order As: TD1.17:C76 from Superintendent of Documents, GPO, Washington, D.C. 20402. \$0.45.

#### POPULATION

PUBLIC POLICY FOR GENETIC MANIPULATION: A VIEW FROM THE LAW. Harold P. Green. George Washington University, Washington, D.C. March, 1969. Pp. 18. The document proposes that recent scientific discoveries indicate that genetic technology will come into being in the foreseeable future, and that its practice will give rise to immense problems of public policy necessitating social controls through the instrumentality of law. Order Number PB-192 547. \$3.00.