

BOOKS RECEIVED

ANNALS OF AIR AND SPACE LAW Vol. 4. Edited by Nicolas Matte. Toronto: The Carswell Company, Limited, 1979. Pp. 711. \$30.00. This book presents articles, book reviews, legislative texts, and leading cases in English on recent French developments in air and space law. With over thirty-five distinguished contributors, it provides a wide range of views in a thorough presentation of developments in this new and important field of law. Insurance problems, the environment, tort liability for aircraft damages, broadcast satellites, nuclear power in space, and hijacking are a few of the topics covered.

COMPARATIVE LAW YEARBOOK, Vol. 3, 1979. By the Center for International Legal Studies. The Netherlands and Rockville, Maryland: Sijthoff & Noordhoff, Alphen aan den Rijn, 1980. Pp. 287. \$60.00. This is a collection of thirteen articles, some with extensive footnotes, on a variety of comparative legal matters, ranging from international commercial arbitration to the transnational impact of U.S. antitrust laws. The articles include examinations of foreign laws, such as Polish constitutional developments or merger control of the German oil industry, and comparative studies, such as *European Experience with the Hague Sales Law*. Although the majority of the articles focus on aspects of commercial or private law, at least two of the articles, one on the *Sunday Times Case* in Great Britain and another on Western efforts to suppress terrorism, touch on questions of public and international law. Likewise, most of the articles have a European or Western focus. However, three articles, law reform in the PRC, creditors' rights in Zambia, and the law of contempt in India, break the mold. There are also short articles on the British *Blohn v. Desser* case, and on consideration in English law and its absence in Scots law.

THE CONSTITUTIONS OF THE COMMUNIST WORLD. Edited by William B. Simon. The Netherlands and Germantown, Maryland: Sijthoff & Noordhoff, Alpehn aan den Rijn, 1980. Pp. 644. \$92.50. This is a compilation of translations of the constitutions of fifteen communist states, from Albania to Vietnam, including the Soviet

Union and the People's Republic of China. Each translation is preceded by a very brief introductory essay. The translations and introductions were specially commissioned by the Documentation Office for East European Law at the University of Leyden. The Documentation Office publishes the quarterly *Review of Socialist Law* and has issued a number of analyses of Soviet law. This volume serves as an update to earlier constitutional collections, such as Jan Triska's *The Constitutions of the Communist-Party States* (1968), by compiling all communist constitutions in force as of 1979. These include the new "Brezhnev" Constitution of 1977, which replaced the 1936 "Stalin" Constitution, the 149-page Yugoslavian Constitution, and the constitution of Democratic Kampuchea. The preface opens with this thought: "The printed word: it can be immortal or out-of-date before the ink is dry." The death of Marshal Tito in Yugoslavia and the Vietnamese invasion of Kampuchea may date this excellent collection.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN A NUTSHELL. By Michael Day. London: Sweet & Maxwell, 1980. Pp. 87. \$5.50. An issue of the "New Nutshells" series, this pocketbook attempts to present an overview of essential facts of law in international trade. It begins with a section on overseas sales contracts, followed by brief chapters on carriage of goods by sea, land, and air. Topics touched upon include insurance of goods, methods of payment and conflict of laws and arbitration.

ISSUES BEFORE THE 35TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS 1980-1981. Edited by Donald J. Puchala. United States of America: United Nations Association of America, 1980. Pp. 150. \$7.00. An annual series reviewing events in the world community, each chapter presents several essays on particular topics including regional and colonial issues, arms control and disarmament, economics and development, human rights and social issues, legal issues, and administration and budget. A broad overview of recent activities of the U.N. within these areas is also presented.

LEGAL ASPECTS OF DOING BUSINESS IN LATIN AMERICA. By Jose T. Moscoso. New York: Practising Law Institute, 1980. Pp. 296. \$20.00. This is a course handbook prepared for a symposium held in New York in February 1980 on doing business in Mexico,

Brazil, Argentina, Chile, and the Andean Common Market Countries. The sections focus on foreign investment, technology transfer, and income tax considerations of Latin American dealings.

THE MIDDLE EASTERN STATES AND THE LAW OF THE SEA. By Ali El-Hakim. New York: Syracuse University Press, 1979. Pp. 293. \$127.00. This work surveys and analyzes both settled issues and outstanding problems concerning continental shelf boundaries and islands of disputed sovereignty in the Arabian Gulf. The unrest in the region enhances the book's value.

MONTHLY BIBLIOGRAPHY—PART II—SELECTED ARTICLES. Geneva: U.N. Library, 1980. Pp. 341. \$14.00. This list provides current information on periodical literature and contributions to collective works of interest to the United Nations and the international community. The bibliography is divided into major areas of law, economics, politics, science and technology, and social and cultural questions.

NOMENCLATURE AND HIERARCHY: BASIC LATIN AMERICAN LEGAL SOURCES. By R. Medina and C. Medina-Quiroga. Washington, D.C.: Library of Congress, 1979. Pp. 123. \$6.50. Asserted to be the first book of its type, this work presents the legal framework and the hierarchy of twenty Latin American jurisdictions. It aims to prevent some of the problems that arise when scholars research statutory sources that use the same language yet contain subtle differences, which change their ultimate meaning and effect.

REFERENCE MANUAL ON DOING BUSINESS IN LATIN AMERICA. Edited by D. Shea, F. Swacker, R. Radway, and S. Stairs. Milwaukee: The Center for Latin America, University of Wisconsin, 1979. Pp. 206. \$30.00. Intended as a basic language guide for business executives dealing with Latin American transactions, the book provides, in simplified format, a guide to available assistance for investors from both domestic and foreign sources. It also discusses negotiations, commercial arbitration, joint ventures, and guarantees.

