

## **BOOKS RECEIVED**

**COMPARATIVE LAW YEARBOOK.** By The Center for International Legal Studies. Vol. 1, 1977. Alphen aan den Rijn: Sijthoff & Noordhoff, 1978. Pp. vii, 352. \$52.50 (cloth). The first edition of the Comparative Law Yearbook, the product of the efforts of 14 co-authors, offers a diverse range of inquiry into comparative, transnational and international law issues. The contributors represent Austria, Sweden, the United States, Turkey, Hungary, Syria, the West Indies, West Germany, Poland and Australia. Product liability, the environment, European company and U.S. corporate law, socialist criminal procedure, trademarks, enforcement of foreign judgments, equity and administrative law are among the topics dealt with from the comparative or international perspective.

**CONTEMPORARY INTERNATIONAL LAW: A CONCISE INTRODUCTION.** By Werner Levi. Boulder: Westview Press, 1979. Pp. xix, 391. \$22.00 (hardback), \$10.00 (paperback). The growth of the world community to some 150 diverse members has had the effect of transforming international law from a relatively stable set of norms into a changing and controversial one. Once more, international law has become an influential part of political processes, and the international legal system has become a forum for political controversies. The ways nations are dealing with the need for either new norms or new interpretations of old norms is a major theme of this work, which in addition analyzes the political origin and function of international law. Approaching international law as an integral part of international politics, the author emphasizes the relationship between politics and law and clarifies the function of international law as a control upon state behavior and a means of communication in the international community. The book thus provides an excellent framework for the student attempting to understand contemporary international law.

**THE DISCIPLINE OF LAW.** By Lord Denning. London: Butterworth & Co., 1979. Pp. xxii, 331. \$21.95 (casebound), \$12.35 (limp). This work is a fascinating account of the changing face of the law in the twentieth century through the life and work of a great English judge. Lord Denning has drawn extensively from his personal ex-

perience and opinions using extracts from his judgments to illustrate his theme that "the principles of law laid down by the judges in the 19th century—however suited to social conditions of that time—are not suited to the social necessities and social opinions of the 20th century. They should be moulded and shaped to meet the needs and opinions of today." The book contains a collection of his great judgments, linked together by a narrative written by Lord Denning having a hint of autobiographical flavor. He speaks candidly of his success and failures and of his hopes and fears for the future. The unique opportunity to share the thought process of one of Her Majesty's Judges, demonstrating the judicial approach which is the epitome of the law, ensures a readership and value far beyond the legal profession and the academic world.

A HANDBOOK ON FINANCING U.S. EXPORTS. 3rd Ed. By Machinery and Allied Products Institute, 1979. Pp. xvi, 171. \$8.00 (Members), \$12.00 (Non-members). Companies engaged in export trade depend heavily upon outside financing for those operations, and inclusion of competitive financing terms in the marketing may be as important as the price of the goods. The 3rd edition of the *Handbook* will serve as a useful guide and reference work for the myriad of persons involved in the financing of U.S. exports. As Eximbank is the single most important financing institutions for capital goods exporters, the new edition extends and updates earlier publications to inform the reader of the numerous changes in the Bank's programs designed to improve the competitiveness of U.S. export financing facilities. In addition, the revised *Handbook* discusses other developments between 1977-1979 affecting the Bank's operations. Lastly, for the novice exporter the new edition provides (1) a detailed description of Eximbank's general policies and the operation of its direct lending, guarantee and insurance programs, (2) a description of the crucial role of commercial banks in export financing and (3) a discussion of matters relevant to the future role of Eximbank in adequately supporting U.S. exports.

INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD. Edited by Marcus H. Livingston with Lee Bruce Kress and Marie G. Wanek. Westport: Greenwood Press, 1978. Pp. xvi, 522. International terrorism is a relatively new phenomenon, emerging ten or fifteen years ago with the development of new transportation and communications systems and weapons particularly suited to

terrorist activities. Sooner or later, terrorists will gain access to atomic, bacteriological or chemical weapons having the capability of mass destruction. In an effort to deal with such disastrous development, this compilation of papers examines various aspects of international terrorism. Among the topics discussed are international terrorism in selected parts of the world, international terrorism and the military, legal problems and international terrorism and psychological aspects, political consequences and historical aspects of international terrorism. Analysis of these issues from the viewpoints of many scholars makes this book especially interesting and particularly important to any future efforts to cope with this dangerous world problem.

**PRISONERS OF WAR IN INTERNATIONAL ARMED CONFLICT.** By Howard S. Levie. Naval War College International Law Studies, Vol. 59. Newport: Naval War College Press, 1977. This work provides an indepth analysis of the 1949 *Geneva Convention Relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War* as it affects the status of prisoners of war in international armed conflict. Unlike other studies on the subject which have used an article-by-article approach, Levie's study follows the prisoner of war from the time of capture to the time of release and repatriation. Thus, all of the various provisions of the 1949 Convention impacting upon any particular issue are brought together for analysis. In view of the recent experiences of U.S. prisoners of war in Vietnam, this work is particularly timely and appropriate to the development of a total understanding of the rules of law governing the treatment of prisoners of war.