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IN DEFENSE OF PEOPLE: ECOLOGY AND THE SEDUCTION OF RADICALISM. By Richard Neuhaus. New York, New York: The Macmillan Company. 1971. 315 pages. \$7.95. The author attacks one of the most popular movements to have appeared in the last decade—the ecology movement. He feels that the ecology cause has become a political rallying point for diverse factions, thereby diverting attention and resources from the most pressing problems confronting mankind today—war, social change, and poverty. This, he argues, stems from a confusion of priorities, giving primacy to the rights of nature, rather than those of man.

INTERNATIONAL LAW, NATIONAL TRIBUNALS AND THE RIGHTS OF ALIENS. By Frank Griffith Dawson and Ivan L. Head. New York, New York: Syracuse University Press. 1971. xvi + 334 pages. \$11.75. In a marked departure from the standard treatment of the rights of aliens in national tribunals, the authors have produced a practical and concise handbook for those involved in international dealings, whether on an individual or a corporate basis. The major factor which sets this book apart from others treating the same problem is that, although the distant goal of an enlightened system of competent national judiciaries is mentioned, rather than becoming involved in an exercise of theoretical problem-solving, the authors have taken a practical approach and concentrate on the various legal and non-legal problems encountered by aliens under existing legal systems. One important conclusion reached by the authors is that, generally, aliens' fears of foreign legal systems are based more upon ignorance of the available laws than on fact, and thus are groundless. It is quickly pointed out, however, that there is still a great need for improvement of national court procedures because of the importance they now play, and their growing role for the future. The authors, indeed, have produced a much needed guide to approaching national tribunals as an alien.

LAW AGAINST THE PEOPLE: ESSAYS TO DEMYSTIFY LAW, ORDER AND THE COURTS. Edited by Robert Lefcourt. New York, New York: Vintage Books. 1971. x + 400 pages. \$10.00

(cloth); \$2.45 (paper). This collection of essays, written by members of the National Lawyers Guild, attacks the entire system of judicial administration in the United States. The authors contend that reform has been a myth, and urge that the 13th and 14th Amendments, rather than abolishing slavery, extended to encompass Indians, Mexican-Americans, and poor whites. Furthermore, they see the young attorney as faced with a choice between working for the large corporations or for the "people." In their opinion, a choice of the former is tantamount to choosing against the "people."

MY LAND IS DYING. By Harry M. Caudill. New York, New York: E.P. Dutton & Co., Inc. 1971. 144 pages. \$6.50. This book adds to the ever-growing library on the destruction of our environment. Its concern is with strip mining in the Appalachia Region, and the ecological and human destruction caused thereby. It has occurred, the author contends, to satisfy the needs of corporations for the area's resources. Lest we feel that this is an isolated problem, he predicts a spread of this ravage as Appalachia becomes, eventually, a total wasteland.

POLITICS AND PUNISHMENT: THE HISTORY OF THE LOUISIANA STATE PENAL SYSTEM. By Mark T. Carleton. Baton Rouge, Louisiana: Louisiana State University Press. 1971. xii + 215 pages. \$8.50. This book enters the literary realm at a time when prisons are being closely scrutinized. Its subject is the Louisiana State Penal System, and it devotes a large portion of its coverage to the political activities surrounding the system from its inception to contemporary times.

THE FUTURE OF LAW IN A MULTICULTURAL WORLD. By Adda B. Bozeman. Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press. 1971. xvii + 229 pages. \$6.50. The author's main thesis is that the western preeminence and conception of law enjoys neither the same position nor meaning for peoples in the Occidental world. One of the results of this cultural division is that multinational bodies such as the United Nations are, and will continue to be ineffective so long as this distinction is not recognized. She calls, therefore, for an understanding

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of these cultures on their own terms to aid in reducing international tensions.

THE FUTURE OF THE INTERNATIONAL LEGAL ORDER: VOL. III—CONFLICT MANAGEMENT. Edited by Cyril E. Black and Richard A. Falk. Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press. 1971. xiv + 413 pages. \$12.50. This third volume in what is to be, finally, a five volume series, has as its concern the subject of war—its control in modern society through application of international law principles. The contributors look at this question from many perspectives, ever-mindful of the holocaust which could occur given today's nuclear capabilities.

THE LOGIC OF THE LAW. By Gordon Tullock. New York, New York: Basic Books, Inc. 1971. x + 278 pages. \$7.95. Nearly two hundred years ago Jeremy Bentham called for a complete revision of the law through a return to fundamental principles. As the bicentennial anniversary of this event approaches, the author resurrects Bentham's proposal, and calls also for the law's radical reform. His proposal is argued by an application of welfare economics to general principles.

THE MENTALLY DISABLED AND THE LAW. Edited by Samuel Brakel and Ronald Rock. Chicago, Illinois: The University of Chicago Press. 1971. xix + 487 pages. \$12.95. This is a comprehensive study of the laws affecting the mentally ill. An excellent research tool, this work attempts to interpret both the theory and practice of pertinent laws, while also offering some insight into its future development.

THE POLITICS OF RIOT COMMISSIONS: 1917-1970. Edited by Anthony Platt. New York, New York: The Macmillan Company. 1971. x + 534 pages. \$8.95. The contributors to this volume are concerned, not with riots, but with the commissions which, at various times from 1917 to 1970, were established to investigate riots. The essays, critical of these commissions, arrive at a number of factors they attribute as causes for their failures.

