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Hardcover

THE VIETNAM WAR AND INTERNATIONAL LAW. Volume 3: THE WIDENING CONTEXT. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1972. Pp. xi + 951. \$25.00. (Also published in paperback, \$9.50.)

Focusing on the widening conflict of the Vietnam war, the articles in this volume discuss those issues that have provoked both public controversy and legal debate over the last two years: the Cambodian incursion of May-June 1970, the disclosure of the Son My massacre, and the subsequent question of war crimes. The articles reflect the views of some forty contributors selected to provide a balanced presentation of opposing points of view. Included are articles by Associate Justice William H. Rehnquist on the constitutional issues of the Cambodian invasion and Telford Taylor on Nuremberg and Vietnam.

Related subjects are treated in the rest of the volume: constitutional debate on executive, legislative, and judicial prerogative—the separation of powers doctrine as applied to the legal subject matter of the war; the legal status of the insurgent regime in the struggle for control of South Vietnam; prospects for a “non-victory” settlement; and Vietnam’s role in general world order.

Richard A. Falk, Milbank Professor of International Law and Practice at Princeton University, is well recognized as one of the nation’s most authoritative commentators on the Vietnam war.

Paperback

THE UN-POLITICS OF AIR POLLUTION. By Matthew A. Crenson. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins Press, 1971. Pp. viii + 227. \$2.50.

Although air pollution has become one of the nation’s chief worries, the worrying is a recent phenomenon. However, pollution itself has been with us for many years. This book attempts to discover some of the reasons why the concern was so late in developing.

The author’s study of the air pollution issue, based upon the experience of two Midwestern cities, contends that large industrial and political interests may use the processes of indirect democracy to decrease rather than promote public concern.

Matthew A. Crenson is Assistant Professor of Political Science at The Johns Hopkins University.

IN DEFENSE OF PROPERTY. By Gottfried Dietze. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins Press, 1971. Pp. viii + 272. \$2.95.

The author contends that a disregard for private property leads to an erosion of law and order and that the protection of private property is a prerequisite for a free and moral society. He concludes that a natural aristocracy, one which depends upon the power to acquire property, is not incompatible with democracy and is essential to the progress of mankind.

Gottfried Dietze is Professor of Political Science at The Johns Hopkins University where he teaches comparative government and political theory.

VIOLENCE: THE CRISIS OF AMERICAN CONFIDENCE. Edited by Hugh Davis Graham. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins Press, 1971. Pp. xxx + 180. \$2.25.

America today faces a wave of violence that threatens to engulf it. In *Violence* some of America's leading spokesmen discuss this crisis of American confidence. Milton Eisenhower, chairman of the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence, gives a sobering analysis of group violence and our current crime wave. Historian Henry Steele Commager shows ours to be a nation not only born in violence but steeped in a tradition of violence. Former Chief Justice Earl Warren, Gerald Ford, Herbert Klein, and Police Chief Quinn Tamm analyze the problem of criminal violence from the perspectives of the institutions that must deal with the problem: the courts, Congress, the Presidency, and the police. Other contributors focus more broadly on the relations of individual and group violence to American society and especially to our political life.

Hugh Davis Graham was co-director of the Historical and Comparative Task Force for Dr. Eisenhower's Violence Commission.

ENFORCING THE LAW. By R. M. Jackson. Baltimore: Penguin Books, 1972. Pp. xix + 428. \$2.95.

This book presents a review of the administration of the law from the initial question 'what *is* crime?' and includes detection and prosecution, the process of sentencing, mental disorder and criminal proceedings, and the juvenile courts.

The author is a fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge and, since 1966, Downing Professor of the Laws of England at the University of Cambridge. For this paperback edition he has thoroughly revised and updated his original 1967 text.

WATER WASTELAND. By David Zwick with Marcy Benstock. New York: Bantam Books, 1972. Pp. xvii + 494. \$1.50.

Ralph Nader's study group report on water pollution is the result of a 21-month survey of the nation's water pollution problem. It traces the Federal role in water pollution control which includes the passage of seven laws, establishment of a federal Water Quality Office, the expenditure of three billion dollars and the failure to reduce the level of water pollution in any of our country's major bodies of water.

