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## Book Review

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victims, reinsurance, partial payment of premiums, pooling arrangements. Another method of action is the creation of international and regional agencies to handle the question of third party liability.

The appendix is a draft convention on third party liability in nuclear activities proposed for adoption by the Organization for European Economic Cooperation, of which the United States and Canada are associate members.

Despite the extensive discussion of substantive and procedural rules of law, this report will serve the nuclear industry as a valuable aid in its quest for financial protection from nuclear incidents.

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*Reviewed by Jack F. Smith\**

PROPERTY: CASES AND MATERIALS, by John E. Cribbet, William F. Fritz and Corwin W. Johnson. Published by Foundation Press, Brooklyn, N. Y. 1187 pp; 1960.

The authors have compiled a text and case book on the law of property which merits serious consideration for adoption in law school classes on property.

The curricula of the present-day law school have been so increased by the addition of practical, or so-called "bread and butter" courses, that there is no longer time for a leisurely approach to the basic subjects such as Property. In recognition of this, the authors have gathered materials which do not neglect the historical background of real property, but present it concisely and clearly.

An interesting innovation in a case book is a beginning chapter devoted to philosophical writings on property by well known legal philosophers. This chapter prepares the student for what is to follow. It also sets the format for the remainder of the work.

Each chapter is preceded by textual matter which explains the historical background and points up the problems involved. By making use of this preliminary reading, the student can ap-

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proach the cases which follow with an understanding of what is involved and exactly what to look for in the decision. This method follows that used by the writer in his teaching procedure.

While the book is entitled "Property" it is almost entirely upon the subject of real as distinguished from personal property.

The subject is considered by the authors in the light of "practicality"—what knowledge of the subject is needed by the student to prepare him for the practical problems he will meet after graduation. Because of this emphasis, the work differs from the majority of legal case books which apparently have as their aim instilling in the student all knowledge of a subject. This oftentimes leads to an acquaintance with fine points and a total misconception of fundamentals.

This result does not, and should not, occur by use of the instant work. It is an excellent work on real property; well adapted to today's "speeded up" law school curricula and admirably suited to preparing the law school student for the real property problems he will encounter in his practice.

The work also differs from the ordinary case book, which is sold (as soon as the subject has been completed) to an incoming law student, in that it is one that should be kept as a reference work for the young lawyer's library.

Check points for the preparation of contracts for the sale of real property, leases and deeds appear as well as sample forms thereof. These check points and forms together with the textual material appearing at the beginning of each subject indicate that it is a work that the student will keep and not dispose of at the finish of the course.

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*Reviewed by Robert A. Sturges\**

**DYNAMICS OF THE PATENT SYSTEM**, edited by William B. Paul. Published by Central Book Company, Inc., New York; 449 pp. (1960).

In the fall of 1957 a seminar was held at Villanova University attended by about 170 patent lawyers. Discussions covering ten "critical" areas of patent law were held over a period

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