

Both law students and students of political science will find this volume a useful source of information.

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THE LAW OF THE ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION OF COOPERATIVES. *Israel Packel. Mathew Bender & Co., Albany, N.Y., 1940. pp. 307, xvi. \$5.00.*

This book is designed to meet the need of both the general public and the legal profession for legal material on cooperatives. There has been a deplorable lack of adequate material of this nature. The author, formerly assistant counsel of the Rural Electrification Administration and now a practicing member of the Philadelphia bar, has done a workman-like job of supplying this deficiency. While the literary style of the book is not noteworthy, the painstaking analysis of some 750 cases from federal, state and English reports and their organization into a coherent and logical system merits the commendation of all who are interested in cooperatives.

The author points out that "much of the law applicable to cooperatives is similar to the law of ordinary business associations." But in order to produce a complete working handbook this book has been written to include not only the law specifically applicable to cooperatives but also the significant portions of the law of ordinary business enterprises. Chapters are included on definitions of cooperative enterprise; the formation of cooperatives; drafting cooperative charters and by-laws; personal ownership in contrast to capital ownership; coordination of cooperative ownership, control and management; the management of cooperatives; conducting the cooperative enterprise; the financing of cooperatives; distribution of benefits and losses; and government and cooperation. Appendices include working forms of articles of incorporation; by-laws; minutes of organization meetings of incorporators, members and directors; membership applications; and membership certificates; a bibliography; a table of cases and a comprehensive index.

All types of cooperatives are considered: consumer cooperatives; marketing cooperatives; business purchasing cooperatives; workers productive societies; financial cooperatives, such as credit unions; insurance cooperatives; labor unions; trade associations and self-help cooperatives. But the main emphasis is placed upon consumer and marketing groups.

Problems of incorporated and unincorporated societies are kept equally in the forefront as are also those of stock and non-stock associations.

The author states that "Cooperative statutes in approximately twenty-five jurisdictions have been cited as being particularly applicable to the incorporation of consumers' cooperatives. The main difficulty with many of these statutes is that they are so old that they have requirements which are entirely out of harmony with modern conditions." The reviewer can sincerely echo this comment from experience in searching for an appropriate statute under which to incorporate a large cooperative federation. It seems unfortunate that the manuscript of this book should have been completed before the enactment by Congress in 1940 of the District of Columbia cooperative law. This statute is most modern and complete and is available to any cooperative association in the United States.

This book should be read by every attorney who is interested in social progress. It should be used by them and by the thousands of cooperative organizations in the United States to chart their way through legal difficulties. The reviewer is in hearty accord with the author's hope that this text will help to give to the cooperative movement a fair opportunity to serve the common good "by serving as a general and coordinated treatise of the problems which have confronted and which will continue to confront cooperatives."

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LAW, THE STATE, AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

James Brown Scott. Vol. I: A Commentary on the Development of Legal, Political, and International Ideals; Vol. II: Extracts Illustrating the Growth of Theories and Principles of Jurisprudence, Government, and The Law of Nature. New York: Columbia University Press, 1939. pp. XXIV, 613. VI, 401. Index. \$8.75.

For nearly half a century James Brown Scott, the author of this two-volume work has been interested in the fundamental conceptions of the law and the state. As a long-time professor of International Law and Jurisprudence, as a former Solicitor of the Department of State and

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