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**THE SOCIAL ORGANIZATION OF LAW.** Edited by *Donald Black* and *Maureen Mileski*. New York: Seminar Press, Inc., 1973. Pp. xi, 405. \$14.50. Based on the premise that there is an interpretation of law and social organization, this volume establishes a framework for the comparative study of legal control in both past and present societies throughout the world. The editors have selected 21 representative readings that deal with the prescriptions of law, its mobilization, and the disposition of cases.

**INSANITY DEFENSE.** By *Richard Arens*. New York: Philosophical Library, Inc., 1974. Pp. xxv, 328. \$12.50. This work attempts to show what has happened to the liberalized insanity defense since *Durham v. United States* decided in 1954. According to the author, under *Durham* the poor were forced to rely on mediocre and prosecution-oriented government psychiatrists, drawn from an over-crowded and understaffed government hospital, and the success of the insanity defense was dictated by a psychiatric fist founded on considerations of a hospital housing shortage rather than pure diagnostic judgment.

**MENTAL DISABILITY IN CIVIL PRACTICE.** By *Sidney H. Asch*. Rochester: The Lawyers Co-operative Publishing Company, 1973. Pp. 719. \$35.00. The author, a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York and adjunct professor of New York Law School and Mount Sinai Medical School, intends the book to be a practical guide for the attorney in dealing with all aspects of mental disability in all types of civil cases. It includes forms, checklists, and sample examinations drawn from pertinent portions of *Am Jur Proof of Facts* and *Pleading and Practice Forms*. The book also features extensive case citations, references to additional material in other publications, and an appendix of condensations of statutory provisions, state by state.

**LAW IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY.** (The Orgain Lectures.) Austin: University of Texas Press, 1973. Pp. 115. \$5.00. This work consists of the following five lectures: "Conflicting Principles in English and American Law" by Sir Artur Goodhart, "The Law Must Respond

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