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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.


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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to the Environment" by Leon Green, "The Role of the Lawyer in America's Ghetto Society" by Norman Dorsen, "The Diminishing Right of Privacy: The Personal Dossier and the Computer" by Vern Countryman, and "Let's Everybody Litigate?" by Maurice Rosenberg.