

BOOK REVIEWS

Crawford's Proof in Criminal Cases, 3rd ed. by I. G. TYSON and C. H. MCKAY (Law Book Co. of Australasia Pty. Ltd. Sydney, 1956), pp. i-xx, 1-308, price £2 2s. od.

This work is of daily value to the practitioner in N.S.W. who is concerned with the trial of criminal cases. The major offences triable by jury in that State are briefly defined and the requirements of their proof listed. The usual forms of indictment for offences defined by the N.S.W. Crimes Act are set out. There are a few 'trial notes' dealing with certain problems of evidence and there is a list of alternative verdicts. In sum, a prosecutor's pocketbook, and as such of immediate interest to the defence.

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Laws concerning the Nationality of Ships (United Nations Legislative Series, United Nations, New York, 1955) pp. i-x, 1-203. American price, \$1.50. (Our copy from the Publishers.)

This is another of the very useful collections of laws and regulations, prepared by the Office of Legal Affairs of the U.N. Secretariat, in connection with the International Law Commission's work on the codification of the Regime of the High Seas. The present volume contains the legislation of more than sixty states on the nationality of ships.

Most of the material published in this volume was made available by the governments concerned, but where such material was not forthcoming other sources were used. However, there are some regrettable gaps. For example, while legislation from such newcomers to the international family as Libya (Maritime Code, 1953) was obtained and included, legislation from our next-door neighbour Indonesia is missing.

The collection reminds us in its references to the pertinent legislation in Commonwealth countries that Australia is now the only non-Asian member of the British Commonwealth to have its law concerning the registration and nationality of ships still fully governed by the Imperial Merchant Shipping Act of 1894.

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Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs. (United Nations Publication, New York, 1955). Vol. i: pp. i-x, 1-742. American price \$3.50. Vol. ii: pp. i-v, 1-467. American price \$3.50. Vol. iii: pp. i-v, 1-596. American price \$3.50. (Our copy from the publishers.)

The compilation of this repertory of practice of U.N. organs, which in all is to comprise five volumes and an index volume, was undertaken by the U.N. Secretariat in compliance with a resolution passed by the General Assembly during its eighth annual session in