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BOOKS RECEIVED

EQUITY AND LAW: A COMPARATIVE STUDY

By RALPH A. NEWMAN. New York: Oceana Publications, Inc., 1961. 280 pp. \$7.50.

THIS book is a scholarly examination of the reasons why our law has developed a distinction between law and those moral principles known as equity. The author, Professor of Law at American University, has developed his examination by a comparison of our treatment of principles of equity to that of other legal systems. The conclusion drawn from the study is that law must be expanded so as to encompass all equitable principles, thus fusing law and equity. The book is introduced by Roscoe Pound who lends significance to the book with his statement: "[h]ow to find the right place for discretion, dispensation and mitigation in a system of administration of justice in the unified world of tomorrow is a capital problem of the science of law."

TRIAL BY NEWSPAPER

By HAROLD W. SULLIVAN. Hyannis, Mass.: The Patriot Press, 1961. xxiv, 250 pp. \$5.00.

THE subject of this book is of obvious and continuing significance. The recent Finch trials, the Rees trial, and the recent CBS Report, all must raise the question in the minds of honest men, is freedom of the press frequently distorted into a license to obstruct the machinery of the law? The eminently qualified Mr. Sullivan obviously feels that answer is yes, and his book is principally a part of a crusade for reform. Notorious cases of the past such as the Becker case, the Hauptmann case, the Mooney case, and the Manton case are examined to determine the extent of newspaper influence upon the trials. The book is easily read and quite interesting despite an apparent, and probably intended, lack of objectivity.