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## BOOK REVIEWS

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**EQUITY AND THE LAW OF TRUSTS.** By Philip H. Pettit. London: Butterworth & Co. (Canada) Ltd. 1966. Pp. cxx and 491. \$18.75.

This book is a simplified exposition of the principles of Equity and the law relating to trusts. The author has excised a lot of material normally associated with these topics, and the only question to be resolved is whether too much has been deleted. This will depend on the function the book is intended to serve. The author states that the book is "... primarily intended for law students", and it is certainly sufficient for that purpose. Indeed, Mr. Pettit must be applauded for his decision to omit certain chapters usually found in a book on Equity. Thus he refrains from treating separately and in detail the maxims of Equity. However, the reader loses nothing for where the omitted topic is relevant it is shortly discussed. Thus, on page 340, it is demonstrated how the doctrine, "he who comes to Equity must come with clean hands" may, if unfulfilled, impede the grant of an injunction.

Apart from the exclusion of mortgages and priorities, restrictive covenants and administration of assets, the coverage of the book is just what one might expect. There is a very useful section principally devoted to the history of the trust, and this is concluded with a short description of the modern purposes to which the trust may be put. Then follows a good, concise distinction between trusts and other legal relationships. Furthermore, the problems which may result from matrimonial property are very capably dealt with, and the latest cases are used to illustrate the points made.

The text of this book has in it more in the way of example and illustration than is usual in a work of this sort. It fills in the gaps between the pontifical pronouncements of its competitor, Snell.

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**THE RIVER BASIN IN HISTORY AND LAW.** By L. A. Teclaff. The Hague: Martinus Nijhoff. 1967. Pp. xxiv and 228. 29.50 guilders.

"A river basin is commonly defined as the area of land drained by a river and its tributaries."<sup>1</sup> Because a river basin is very often not all in one State, international co-operation is necessary to develop fully the potential uses of the basin—as a source of power, irrigation and transportation. Teclaff examines the use of river basins from antiquity to the present time. It is a story of co-operation.

States have found that greater mutual benefit is to be had from co-operation rather than from the individual exercise of sovereignty. The

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<sup>1</sup> Teclaff, *The River Basin in History and Law* 7 (1967) relying on Moore, *A Dictionary of Geography* (1958) and Webster, *New International Dictionary* (1961).