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BY PERSONS UNKNOWN. By *George Jonas and Barbara Amiel*. New York: Grove Press, Inc., 1977. Pp. x, 349. \$10.95. As an extraordinary portrayal of a unique array of characters, this book goes one step further than simply recreating a bizarre, though frighteningly true, sequence of events leading to the untimely death of a former fashion model. The authors attempt to carve a path, beginning with the events surrounding the brutal death of Christine Demeter and culminating in an illuminating exposition of the workings of the Canadian judicial system. The reader is escorted behind the scenes, from the bustle and clamor of the police station to the subtle awesomeness of the judge's chambers, and from the mystique of the defense attorney's lavish office to the desolation and solitude of the penitentiary. What is left is an indelible impression of a criminal justice system at work.

COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA: THE STORY OF A UNION. By *Thomas R. Brooks*. New York: Mason/Charter Publishers, Inc., 1977. Pp. xiii, 257. \$12.95. In examining the history and status of the Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO, the author discusses the temperaments and personalities that went into forming what is today the eleventh largest union in the United States. The additional responsibilities resting upon the Communications Workers of America as a union for a single industry are probed, and the right of workers in general to organize and strike is analyzed. In total, the book provides a history not only of the Communications Workers of America, but of the entire American labor movement.

CONSTITUTIONAL COURTS OF THE UNITED STATES. By *Stephen T. Early, Jr.* Totowa, New Jersey: Littlefield, Adams & Co., 1977. Pp. xii, 184. \$3.50 (paperback). This work explores the interaction between the United States district courts, courts of appeals, and the Supreme Court. Examining various mechanisms associated with these courts, the author seeks to identify the acknowledged and unacknowledged influences exerted

by one court upon another. The purpose of this book is not to criticize the operation of the federal judiciary; rather, through the use of factual tables and case references, the author seeks to provide an unemotional, factual portrayal of the federal judiciary.

CRIMINAL BEHAVIOUR: A PSYCHOLOGICAL ANALYSIS. By *M. Philip Feldman*. London: John Wiley & Sons, 1977. Pp. xvi, 330. The author, a psychologist, reviews a large number of psychological, sociological, and biological studies related to criminality. Among the subjects covered are personality factors and disorders related to criminal behavior, learning of criminal behavior and learning to limit it, various aspects of the penal system, and treatment of offenders. The book is intended to provide an integrated scientific approach to the study and control of criminal behavior.

LEGAL KIDNAPPING. By *Anna Demeter*. Boston: Beacon Press, 1977. Pp. xxi, 148. \$8.95. Anna Demeter, a feminist wife and mother, has written a day-to-day account of her experience as a wife seeking divorce and as a mother whose two youngest children were kidnapped by her husband to force her back into the marriage. Woven into this sensitively told story is an investigation of marriage and divorce as institutions and a discussion of the rights and duties involved in modern husband-wife and parent-child relationships.

THE MEMOIRS OF EARL WARREN. By *Chief Justice Earl Warren*. Garden City, New York: Doubleday and Company, Inc., 1977. Pp. xii, 394. \$12.95. This is an autobiography of the former Chief Justice written in a folksy, narrative style. It depicts his childhood and adult years, concentrating primarily on those years spent in law enforcement activities, rather than on his judicial activities. The book is indexed so as to provide a reference for particular events and people in Chief Justice Warren's life. It is fascinating reading for those interested in the life of the man, rather than the activities of the Warren Court.

THE MENACE OF ATOMIC ENERGY. By *Ralph Nader and John Abbotts*. New York: W. W. Norton & Company, Inc., 1977. Pp. xiv, 317. \$10.95. The authors present their case against nuclear power and deal with both an historical background of the nuclear commitment and its current institutional setting. Intended to incite a dormant citizenry to action, the book al-

ternately explains and alarms, causing the dangers of nuclear power to become terrifyingly vivid.

MORALISTS AND MANAGERS: PUBLIC INTEREST MOVEMENTS IN AMERICA. By *John Guinther*. Garden City, New York: Anchor Books, 1976. Pp. xviii, 262. \$2.95 (paperback). This volume is a lively historical and theoretical exploration of the American public interest crusade. The author first frames the ideological contours of the public interest movement; he traces the clash between the moralists, who power the movement with the belief that government must provide equal protection for the rights of all citizens, the managers, who impede the movement, demanding only order and security from government, and the politicians, who combine both these perspectives with their own ambitions to make the practical decisions which either frustrate or further the movement. Within the context of this moralist-management tension, the author then examines the major public interest drives in America—political reformism, unionism, feminism, civil rights, and urban populism. He relates their elements and ideals to those of the nation in a balanced account of their accomplishments and inherent limitations.

A PIECE OF THE ACTION. By *Stuart M. Speiser*. New York: Van Nostrand Reinhold Company, 1977. Pp. x, 390. \$14.95. The author believes that capitalism and democracy are incompatible because only a small class of people can attain income from the ownership of capital. He argues that voters in democratic countries will eventually reject capitalism for a system of collective ownership unless they can become capitalists themselves. Thus, he proposes a plan which would provide every family with eventual stock ownership of \$100,000. The "new capitalists" would purchase this stock through long-term commercial bank loans which would be repaid with a portion of the dividends. Newly formed business capital (\$120 billion in 1976) would provide the initial base for this capital diffusion. Thus, the author contends that present wealth would not be invaded; he further asserts that by combining the best features of socialism and capitalism, universal capitalism could provide a solution to our individual and national economic problems.

POSTMORTEM ESTATE PLANNING. By *Lawrence Newman and Albert Kalter*. Philadelphia: American Law Institute-American

Bar Association Committee on Continuing Professional Education, 1976. Pp. xiii, 154. This book was designed to provide the practicing bar with a comprehensive, yet concise, explanation of postmortem planning opportunities available to minimize the tax liability of a decedent's estate or of an estate's beneficiaries. The discussion includes options in the filing of tax returns and options for rearrangement of interests in the decedent's estate. Examples of tax benefits obtainable through use of postmortem elections are also discussed.

THE SQUEAL MAN: THE TRUE STORY OF MATT BONORA, SUBURBAN HOMICIDE DETECTIVE. By *Martin Flusser*. New York: William Morrow & Company, Inc., 1977. Pp. 251. \$8.95. Written by a Long Island reporter, this book recounts in journalistic style the experiences of Matt Bonora, a Nassau County homicide detective. The book's title derives from a term used by policemen when referring to the detective who receives the first report of a crime. The book opens with a description of police procedures at a murder scene. Officer Bonora assumed control of the subsequent investigation of the murder. The techniques he employed are delineated in an absorbing fashion. Several other incidents in Officer Bonora's twenty-year career are highlighted. The writing is fast-paced and suspenseful, possessing all the elements of a mystery story. However, the account, based on interviews, court papers, and police documents, records real events.

SURPRISE! SURPRISE! HOW THE LAWMEN CONNED THE THIEVES. By *Ron Shaffer and Kevin Klose with Alfred E. Lewis*. New York: The Viking Press, 1977. Pp. ix, 239. \$10.00. *Washington Post* staff writers Shaffer and Klose reconstruct one of the biggest and most successful undercover operations ever conducted by federal and local law enforcement officials. Dubbed the "Washington Sting" operation, police "outconned" master con artists, the Mafia. The officials set up a fence organization to entice the Mafia, which systematically had been stealing millions of dollars' worth of merchandise out of Washington, D.C., homes and offices. Finally, an elaborate attempt to permeate the organization resulted in a miraculous "surprise party" raid, where officials recovered 3500 stolen items valued at \$2.4 million and arrested a gamut of individuals, including a federal prosecutor. With the use of police tapes and record-

ings, interviews with participants, videotapes, court records, and trial testimony, the writers reenact the details of an often amusing and incredible infiltration of the elaborate Mafioso organization.

