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The American Judicial Tradition: Profiles of Leading American Judges. By G. Edward White. New York, New York: Oxford University Press, Inc., 1976. Pp. x, 441. $15.95. In surveying the individual performance of famous jurists, including Joseph Story, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Learned Hand, Felix Frankfurter and Earl Warren, the author succeeds in demystifying the judicial office. In so doing, Mr. White reveals the extent to which American appellate decisions are reflections of the personalities of their authors and, conversely, the transformational effect that the judicial role itself has on its occupants. These depictions demonstrate the interplay of the various economic, political, social and intellectual factors which have influenced major judicial decisions.

The American Police State: The Government Against the People. By David Wise. New York, New York: Random House, 1976. Pp. 437. $12.95. Mr. Wise, a veteran writer and reporter of the inside workings of American government, here relates the stories behind many of the most disturbing government domestic intelligence activities uncovered in recent years. The book recounts incidents that have been well publicized as well as many that have not. The collection includes narratives of the tapping of Morton Halperin’s phone, Anthony Ulasewicz’s investigation of the accident at Chappaquiddick, the break-in at Dr. Fielding’s office, an unsolved break-in at Dan Rather’s house, Lyndon Johnson’s use of FBI agents posed as NBC reporters at the 1964 convention, Hoover’s bugging of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the “CIA-Watergate connection.” Based on personal interviews and investigation as well as congressional hearings and reports, the book provides valuable insight into the covert activities behind recent political events and the dangers posed by unchecked intelligence activity. Although not specifically written for the lawyer, this book will be of great interest to any attorney concerned with the right to privacy and its violation by the government.

Chief Counsel: Inside the Ervin Committee—The Untold Story of Watergate. By Samuel Dash. New York, New York: Random House, 1976. Pp. x, 275. $10.00. Starting with his appointment as chief counsel, the author has provided a fascinating, behind-the-scenes account of the Watergate commit-
tee's investigations. Many new and dramatic incidents are described, including Dash's preliminary interrogations of John Dean and his private discussions with Alexander Butterfield which resulted in the startling disclosure that President Nixon had taped most of his conversations in the White House. For those interested in a vivid description of the committee and its counsel, this book is rich in detail.


**COMPUTERS AT LARGE.** By Charles Sippl and Robert Bullen. New York, New York: The Bobbs-Merrill Company, Inc., 1976. Pp. 222. $10.00. Once thought to be a panacea for the modern industrialized world, the computer is in fact like a person of many disguises. The authors analyze the implications of this purported charade by extolling the virtues of the computer and exploring circumstances in which the use of computers has deleteriously affected our daily existence. It is suggested that man must be aware of the subtle but pervasive intrusions upon our lives which have become increasingly prevalent in the age of the computer. The authors warn that such intervention threatens our autonomy and our freedom and suggest that the resources of the computer industry should be more properly focused upon pursuits which promote rather than inhibit individualism.

**ESSAYS IN NINETEENTH-CENTURY AMERICAN LEGAL HISTORY.** Edited by Wythe Holt. Westport, Connecticut: Greenwood Press, 1977. Pp. xv, 737. $25.00. This collection of articles encompasses a broad selection of current works in nineteenth-century American legal history. Among the areas covered are a section on "Schools of Historical Thought," including articles by four leading American legal historians—Calvin Woodard, Morton Horwitz, Willard Hurst, and William Nelson. Other articles deal with various substantive and procedural
topics ranging from a contribution on the history of expropriation to a quantitative inquiry into the relationship between law and economic depression. In the succeeding section five different approaches to constitutional issues are presented. The final segment of the book deals broadly with the legal profession including Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes’s seminal essay, “The Path of the Law.”

The Equal Rights Amendment: A Bibliographic Study. Compiled by the Equal Rights Amendment Project; Anita Miller, Project Director; Hazel Greenberg, Editor and Compiler. Westport, Connecticut: Greenwood Press, 1976. Pp. xxvii, 367. $19.95. This bibliography lists materials spanning sixty-two years since the first conception of the Equal Rights Amendment. It is organized according to the type of publication, including congressional and other government publications, books, dissertations, legal periodicals, academic journals, and general newspapers. This study is comprehensive rather than selective in nature, comprised of materials reflecting all sides of the controversial issues inherent in the Equal Rights Amendment. As such, it will serve as an invaluable tool to anyone researching any aspect of the Amendment.

Jails: The Ultimate Ghetto of the Criminal Justice System. By Ronald Goldfarb. Garden City, New York: Anchor Press/Doubleday, 1976. Pp. x, 508. $3.50, paperbound. Jails are pretrial detention centers, as distinguished from prisons in which convicted criminals are confined. Thus, the jail population is predominantly comprised of people denied bail because of the seriousness of the offense with which they are charged or who, because of their financial position, are forced to wait in jail until they are tried. Yet in what the author refers to as a “shocking paradox,” the conditions of our prisons are far superior to those of our jails. Mr. Goldfarb, a practicing attorney in Washington, D.C., notes that as a result, those convicted of crimes generally receive better care than those merely charged. Often shocking and thoroughly well written, this book will disturb any individual concerned with the inequities of the American correctional system.

Inc., 1976. Pp. x, 181. $13.50. The author, a professor of law at Notre Dame Law School, provides an interesting Christian treatise on the nature of law. The format develops, at least nominally, along the lines of the four Aristotelian courses: efficient, material, formal and final. Although directed primarily at legal philosophers, the work contains a “notes” section comprised of formal citations which should be valuable to the legal practitioner. These frequent citations serve to substantiate some of the author’s more abstract points.

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