

## BOOKS NOTED

*Digest of The English Law of Trusts* by George W. Keeton and L. A. Sheridan, (Milton Professional Books Ltd, Oxford, 1979), pp. i-lviii, 1-352. ISBN 0 903486 504.

*Digest of The English Law of Trusts* by Professors Keeton and Sheridan purports to set out that law 'in 205 sections, as might be found in a code, the sections being generally accompanied by explanatory notes and illustrations drawn from decided cases'. This book will provide a source of intellectual stimulation for readers already having a general knowledge of the law of trusts. For as the authors, both men of great expertise to whom all those interested in equity jurisprudence owe a considerable debt, suggest, the reduction of a complex mass of legal propositions into the form of a lucid and accurate code tests one's comprehension of rules and the principles and policies behind them. But having acknowledged this, one must query how much value this book will be to busy practitioners seeking quick answers to specific problems or, at least, an overview of a particular topic in the law of trusts together with a collection of all relevant authorities. The Digest is necessarily too cryptic to meet these needs. Again, it would not seem an appropriate work for prescription for students endeavouring to develop an understanding of the evolution of general equitable principle through a study of the cases. One wonders, therefore, what general readership the Digest is expected to attract. In the pages of the Digest the authors cross-reference their own works extensively. Perhaps the key to the utility of this work lies in its use in conjunction with other of the books of Professors Keeton and Sheridan.

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*Ideas and Ideologies: Justice* edited by Eugene Kamenka and Alice Erh-Soon Tay, (Edward Arnold, London, 1979), pp. i-viii, 1-184. Price \$12.95. ISBN 0 7131 6177 9.

*Justice*, edited by Professors Kamenka and Erh-Soon Tay, contains seven stimulating papers which formed the nucleus of the 1977 programme on 'Theories of Justice in and for the Second Half of the Twentieth Century'. As the editors note the second half of the present century has witnessed a fundamental debate about the practical requirements of justice. It is against this background that the essays here presented must be read, all of which are concerned, in differing ways, to examine the tendency to blur the distinctions between formal and natural justice, between lawyer's justice and social justice, and between justice itself and other ethical issues.

Several essays deserve special mention. In 'What is Justice' Professor Kamenka argues that justice is more 'a way of doing things' than an 'end-state' and therefore necessarily contains reference to that which is historically conditioned or social. Theories of justice and institutions of law are human constructs; conflict over these values is therefore inevitable and a 'set' or uncontested conception of justice is

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