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Coming, as the reviewer has, from a recent symposium on legal and administrative problems of the peaceful uses of atomic energy held in San Juan, this forum report is an invaluable contribution to the development of thought in an incredibly important but little known field of the law. The book contains an excellent summary of the report in twenty-one pages, followed by a detailed analysis of the various factors affecting the international responsibility of private enterprise in the nuclear field. It concludes with an analysis of the various methods both inter-governmental and private for the limitation and fixation of liability, as well as for the solution of the difficult jurisdictional and enforcement problems.

As an appendix, the work brings to the public the first of a number of draft conventions on third party liability, the OEEC draft.

This is a labor of high scholarship, undertaken at the request of the Forum by Robert B. Eichholz, with the assistance and consultation of Drs. Peider Konz and Jurt H. Nadelmann. The Forum, which was represented in this joint product by a distinguished ad hoc consultative committee and the Harvard law faculty, which was in turn represented by an advisory committee made up of Professors David Cavers, Milton Katz, Louis B. Sohn, Robert E. Keeton, Arthur von Mehren and Donald Trautman, is to be congratulated for a pioneering undertaking well done. It is hoped it will be followed by other studies of the same competence as those already undertaken by this group.

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The appearance of the first volume of Law Books in Print was noted as an important bibliographical event by this reviewer in the Law Library Journal for May, 1958, at page 170. The publication of this second volume substantiates that observation. With its appearance, law librarians can now be assured of a continuing source of current bibliographical information about law books.

The scope of the work has been expanded by volume two to include all law books in the English language published anywhere in the world—a welcome improvement in view of the increasing interest in international, foreign, and comparative law by the legal profession. More and more materials in the English language are being published which analyze, compare and translate laws and legal matters of foreign countries. The availability of a fine bibliographical tool such as we have here will be invaluable in ascertaining what is at hand to meet the demands for such publications.

The coverage of the second volume has been broadened further by the inclusion of the publications of Institutes and workshops on special subjects. Any omissions in the first volume are included also. The cumulated and expanded list of "Publishers and Distributors" from all parts of the world at the end of the book deserves mention and should be most useful.

This reviewer cannot conclude his remarks without again voicing his appreciation to the editors for a very fine piece of work on a difficult and painstaking task. Volume two maintains the high standards of the first publication as a fine production from the standpoint of printing and binding.

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