

MOZLEY AND WHITELEY'S LAW DICTIONARY. Seventh edition by John B. Saunders. [London: Butterworth, 1962. ix + 391 pp. 27s. 6d.]

It is always difficult to review a dictionary, and this is even more true when the format of the dictionary in question puts it in the class of 'pocket dictionaries'. Every person has his own views of what should be included and what omitted, and also frequently believes that the definition given could have been expressed far more clearly and certainly more tersely had he compiled the collection himself.

*Mozley and Whiteley's Law Dictionary* has one advantage at least over a good many other small law dictionaries, in that it does not confine its scope merely to the words and phrases of municipal law. Although it cannot be described as exhaustive in the field of international law, it does include such terms as mandated territory,

but not trust territory — even though the note on the former states that ‘it [the mandate system] has been replaced by trusteeship under the United Nations’, defined as ‘an association of nations formed after the Second World War (1939-1945). Its objects are essentially those of the League of Nations (*q.v.*), which it has superseded’. As a cross-reference to ‘reprisal’ in municipal law there appears ‘letters of marque and reprisal’, although there is no entry on ‘war’ which is as much a term of municipal as of international law. On the other hand, both *Mare Clausum* and *Mare Liberum* are included.

In so far as municipal terms are concerned, many of the entries serve to take the book out of the run of dictionaries into that of small encyclopaedias. This is of major value to junior students of both law and political science. How many of them are aware that ‘Hustings’, the ‘platform from which parliamentary candidates formerly addressed the electors’, and from which student representatives harangue theirs, is really a ‘house of things or causes’, or that ‘hush-money’ is not confined to American gangster films but merits an entry in a law dictionary?

In newly independent States where the need for local lawyers is immediate, *Mozley and Whiteley’s Law Dictionary* will assist many a student to find his way through the maze of legal terminology.