

INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION SERVICE. Second Edition. J. F. Dey & D. B. McKenzie (eds.). [Sydney: Law Book Company. 1965. A\$15.00 till June, 1968. Subscription thereafter on annual basis July/June A\$13.50].

This is another of the Law Book Company's "Service" series and purports to be "an encyclopedia of industrial information designed to provide a speedy and authoritative medium of reference for all concerned with employer/employee relations." Such a work is hardly reviewable in the accepted sense of critical appraisal of an original published thesis or writing. The Service relates to the Australian Commonwealth and New South Wales State industrial arbitrational systems. It consists of three parts. First, a neat introductory outline of the Commonwealth and state systems. The outline carries a short history, the common law master and servant background to and the interrelation of the Federal and State systems. Second, the "Industrial Information Digestion" which consists of a comprehensive digest of industrial matters under about 3,000 helpful subject titles arranged alphabetically. Third, the "Current Review" contains bi-monthly memoranda of the

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As a work it contains a wealth of industrial data and is most useful for comparative purposes. No doubt, the Singapore Industrial Relations Ordinance, 1960 is based on neither the Commonwealth nor the New South Wales, but the Western Australian model. As such the Industrial Arbitration Court has cautioned that quotations from Commonwealth Tribunals must be made with great care and Australian awards read in their social and economic context.<sup>1</sup>

The Service is recommended for purchase by any worthwhile library in the field of industrial relations.

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1. *Singapore Printing Employees' Union v. Straits Times Press (M) Ltd.* [1962] G.G.S. 2337.