

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW CASES FROM MALAYSIA AND SINGAPORE. By S. JAYAKUMAR. [Singapore: Malayan Law Journal (Pte.) Ltd. 1971. xxxii + 464 pp.]. S\$40.00.

This first casebook of Malaysia/Singapore law perhaps marks the beginning of efforts to compile and edit local materials for law courses. It is particularly in the realm of constitutional law that sufficient case-law has evolved to justify a strict casebook approach without the inclusion of legislative provisions or secondary material.

Two features of this work are particularly notable. The list of cases by reference to constitutional provisions is an invaluable addition when one notes the absence of any local current law citator and in view of the fast outdated digests of local cases. The second feature of interest is its updated bibliography on Malaysian/Singapore constitutional law. This bibliography is helpful when one notes the diverse journals and periodicals in which Malaysian/Singapore constitutional law articles are to be found—ranging from the *Marquette Law Review* to the almost obscure *Jarbuch des Offentlichen Rechts der Gegenwart*.

There are no doubt several other good points of this work but the reviewer feels that more detailed treatment ought to have been incorporated in the segment on citizenship laws in Malaysia/Singapore which is the most complicated and relatively unlitigated area of local constitutional law. The compiler may perhaps feel justified in not incorporating such detailed legislative provisions in what purports to be strictly a casebook, but it is felt that the tangled web of our citizenship laws needs some attempt at clarification and comment even in a casebook.

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