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The Anatomy of Freedom

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could well be of future monumental significance, Parts VI and VII which are concerned with the enforcement of the laws of war and neutrality are considered especially noteworthy and valuable. The easily readable style of writing employed (together with excellent indexing) and its rich documentation — including extensive footnoting, appendices containing full texts of documents, lists of cases and treaties, and a complete bibliography — make this book a valuable tool to both the elementary and the advanced student of international law.

Medina, Harold R. *The Anatomy of Freedom*, New York, Holt, 1959. 178 p.

The Anatomy of Freedom contains several speeches and addresses made by Judge Medina before various educational, patriotic and bar association groups the last few years before his so-called retirement on March 1, 1958. The book opens with a little background of some of the happenings during the Communist trial at which the author, Judge Harold R. Medina, sat for nine months as the newly appointed United States District judge. Various methods and attempts were used by the Reds in an effort to sabotage this trial of the eleven leading U. S. Communists. Threats against the judge's life were commonly used, as well as placards and signs with the messages: "How do you spell Medina? RAT" and "Medina will fall like Forrestal." The latter had the most telling effect because Medina had always had a fear of heights; but nothing, fortunately, came of it. The author shows clearly that the Communists are not a "sort of roughneck" as is commonly supposed by many, but a subtle, well-trained gang of enemy agents, intent on the overthrow of our form of government. Throughout the book the question keeps arising whether or not America's traditional methods of justice are capable of combating effectively the roadblocks placed by the Communists. Judge Medina's faith in, and sense of, freedom are constantly cropping up and are amply demonstrated in the narration of the Cramer treason case, in which an American-born citizen was accused

of giving aid and comfort to the enemy. Medina won this case, but in so doing, had exposed himself to the ire and bitter criticism of many patriotic Americans. Even so, the judge contends, "The reality is that any lawyer worth his salt is devoting the greater part, if not the whole, of his time to the helping of people in dire distress of mind or body. He is not supposed to shun the cases which involve emotional disturbances and often have a disagreeable and nasty factual background . . . The true fact is that the dynamic forces in our lives are spiritual." The ringing theme of freedom predominates throughout this exceedingly interesting book. Judge Medina's straightforward approach to the pitfalls faced in everyday life is invigorating and thought-provoking.

Shepard, Francis P. *The Earth Beneath the Sea*. Baltimore, Johns Hopkins Press, 1959. 275 p.

The Earth Beneath the Sea is an up-to-date survey of marine geology for the general reader. The level of the book is well matched to the needs of the naval officer who wants to acquaint himself with this important subdivision of oceanography. The author is well qualified. He has worked in his field for over 35 years. Of these, the last seventeen were spent at the Scripps institution of Oceanography in La Jolla, California. The first few chapters show how waves and currents shape the sea floor and how the sea floor, in turn, originates and modifies waves and currents. The description of the interactions between the ocean and the bottom along the shores should be useful in amphibious problems. The explanations of the seismic origin and of the effects of tsunamis are interesting. More than half of the book is devoted to a description of the topography of the two thirds of the earth that is covered by salt water. Bottom topography is becoming increasingly important for naval operations, regardless of ocean depth. The book covers the whole spectrum from the beaches to the abyssal depths. Submarine canyons have now been surveyed in the continental shelves in many parts of the world. A few are undoubtedly