



BIBLIOGRAPHY OF HUNGARIAN LEGAL LITERATURE, 1945-1980 (1988). Edited by Lajos Nagy. Akademiai Kiado, Budapest (Hungary). Pp. 429. Price \$ 38.

THE BIBLIOGRAPHY¹ under review is a rare book as far as collection of Indian libraries goes as it is not often that one comes across a book in a foreign language (except in English) on law, what to say of a bibliography of foreign language books (except in English language).

The scope of the bibliography, as stated in the introduction, is:

The present volume is a selected bibliography of the legal works published in Hungarian in the Hungarian People's Republic from January 1, 1945, to December 31, 1980, and of the studies that appeared in foreign languages in periodicals and collections of studies. The Institute of Legal and Administrative Sciences of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences intended by publishing this work to give a survey of the more important developments in positive law and in the legal literature relevant to it, and thus to acquaint the foreign reader with the evolution of the Hungarian socialist legal system, its present content, as well as the problems of its future development.²

The utility of the book increases to a great extent by its chapterisation according to the subject of the published material included. If it becomes necessary to list a monograph or paper under two or more subjects, then it is included under all the subject headings. The arrangement and the type of materials included is according to the following scheme:

This Bibliography contains lists of selected monographic and serial works from the field of legal and administrative sciences published in Hungary between January 1, 1945 and December 31, 1980. The material is arranged in individual chapters: the "Texts of Statutes" sections comprise the principal publications of the texts of Hungarian statutes, in Hungarian and other languages; the "Books" sections contain the more important monographs, published in Hungarian and other languages; the entries under the title "Papers", grouped according to subject matter, list studies and articles published in collections (see 36 and the chapters on law branches) and periodicals (see 18-35) in foreign languages.³

1. Lajos Nagy (ed.), *Bibliography of Hungarian Legal Literature 1945-1980 (1988)*.

2. *Id.* at 19.

3. *Id.* at 28.



The vastness of the subjects covered can be noticed if we look at the chapters in which the whole bibliography has been divided. These chapters are: Reference Works, Theory of State and Law, Constitutional Law, Administrative Law, Financial Law, Civil Law, Labour Law, Law of Co-operatives, Land Law, Family Law, Criminal Law and Criminal Sciences, Judicial Organization, Law of Civil Procedure, Law of Criminal Procedure, Public International Law, Private International Law, Law of International Economic Relations, History of State and Law, Roman Law and Miscellaneous.

The usefulness of the book has further been enhanced by the inclusion of two indices in it. The language index will be more useful for librarians and researchers who want to search books in English language (especially in India) and in other languages. The arrangement of the bibliography could also serve as a model for compiling legal bibliographies of other countries. Indian law librarians can certainly be benefitted by the wide scope of the bibliography and can select and obtain books and other material of their choice on Hungarian law with the help of this bibliography.

It would have been more useful had the names and addresses of some book-sellers and publishers been included in the bibliography so that if some libraries wanted to buy certain material they could do so by ordering the material from them.

As we go through the work we find that titles have been transliterated into English to make the readers understand as to what the book or the material listed contains. But one wonders if it could not have been more beneficial to foreign librarians had the material been listed under the languages within the subject heading itself instead of the language index. This could have saved some labour for the readers, though it would have meant more labour for the compiler and more space too.

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