

Book Note

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The Issue contains reviews of the following books:

- (1) SUMNER H. SLICHTER, *THE CHALLENGE OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS* (1925). The Book is one of the most challenging books ever written in the field of labor and management relations, and intends to offer a practical solution to labor disputes and problems. With the prevalence of numerous mammoth strikes by labor unions intended to force violations of the law or changes in policy, the Book notes that the development of strong labor unions will be a great influence either for good or harm, and as such, the Book suggests methods for the government to control their enormous power.
- (2) THE LABOR COMMITTEE OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY FUND, *PARTNERS IN PRODUCTION* (1952). The discussions in the Book is an attempt to formulate a new philosophy of labor-management relations in order to arrive at greater harmony between these two conflicting sides. After a long investigation into the issues underlying the problem, the Committee found that such new philosophy must be guided by mutual understanding between the two sides, and that both labor and capital must work to retain to each individual freedom – the freedom to work, and the freedom to manage. The Book is a source of practical ideas in refining labor legislation in our country.
- (3) AARON LEVENSTEIN, *LABOR TODAY AND TOMORROW* (1952). The Book recognizes the enviable role of labor in affecting the political, social and economic structure of a nation in the twentieth century. While the Filipinos, facing growing challenges in the realm of labor legislation are short on local experts and authorities on the subject, the Book is recommended as an adequate substitute. The Book gives a thorough discussion of the pre-World War II and post-World War II relations among management, labor and the government. This will serve to be a highly recommended addition to any law student or practitioner's library.