

overview of the subject, it should be a worthwhile addition to the steadily growing literature on legal anthropology.

ARAB LAW

In view of an increasing interest in Arab law, it might be in the interest of the readers to mention four new books containing analyses and English translations of laws of the various countries on the Arab Peninsula: *Business Laws of Kuwait* by N. H. Karam, *Business Laws of Saudi Arabia* by N. H. Karam, *Business Laws of the United Arab Emirates* by M. J. Hall, and *Property Law in the Arab World* by F. J. Ziadeh (Professor and Chairman of the Near East Department of the University of Washington in Seattle). The first three titles are produced in looseleaf form and are supposed to be updated by regularly appearing supplements. All four books are published by Graham & Trotman, Ltd., London, leading publishers of books providing information about Arab business and finance. The prices of all four of the above books are like the cost of oil. The books on business law are priced at £53 each (£94 with an update service for the first year); *Property Law in the Arab World* costs £26.50. The publishers plan to issue two more law titles in the near future: *The Development of Law in the Arabian Gulf* and *Legal Aspects of Business in Saudia Arabia*.

COMPUTERIZED LEGAL INFORMATION RETRIEVAL SYSTEM IN GREAT BRITAIN

In 1979 the Society for Computers and Law recommended the establishment of a computer-assisted legal information retrieval system for the United Kingdom in a report entitled *A National Law Library—The Way Ahead*. The report was received favorably by both branches of the legal profession (the barristers and solicitors), as well as the judiciary, the government, and the law publishers. Now an organization has been formed to promote the establishment of a system. The new organization, named the National Law Library, is a corporate trust with charitable status. It is sponsored by the Law Society of England and Wales, the Law Society of Northern Ireland and the Bar Council, and the Society for Computers and Law. Lord Scarman is the first president of the trust. The actual development of the system is conducted by the National Law Library Limited as a fully-owned subsidiary of the National Law Library Trust.

The purposes of the National Law Library include the establishment of standards for organizations offering data bases to the legal profession,