

The first volume of the code has already been issued to subscribers. Subsequent volumes are expected to be published at regular intervals through 1985. It should be noted that the language of the code is Russian.

Published by the Izvestiya Press, the code is tentatively priced at 10 roubles for each volume. Subscriptions outside the Soviet Union should be placed with local distributors of Soviet books.

Several Soviet Republics have announced that they are also preparing systematic codifications of their separate republican laws, but the details of such codification projects are not yet available.

NEW PERIODICAL FOR LAW LIBRARIANS

Legal Reference Services Quarterly is a new periodical for law librarians in the United States.

Created for the purpose of enhancing the knowledge of law librarians about the continuously expanding volume of legal materials and their utility in legal research, this new periodical is expected to survey in the shape of articles or bibliographic reports the available sources of information about specific topics of law.

The first issue, dated Spring 1981, clearly demonstrates these editorial aims. It contains a rich variety of useful bibliographic surveys, including:

- an analysis of essential research tools for criminal defense attorneys, by William Goodman, a San Francisco attorney;
- an annotated bibliography of non-legal reference books for law libraries, by W. Leslie Peat, Law Librarian at the University of Vermont Law School;
- a study of obscenity research materials, by Virginia Frost, a law firm librarian in Providence, Rhode Island;
- a bibliography of federal administrative decisions, by Nancy P. Johnson, University of Illinois Law Library;
- a detailed review of *Corpus Juris Secundum*, by Robert C. Bering, Law Librarian of the University of Washington Law Library in Seattle, Washington, and Valerie Wedin, Research Assistant at Harvard Law Library.

There is also a section entitled "Notes and Trends", which describes developments in legal research. Future issues will contain another section—"Law on Line"—dealing with machine readable data bases of interest to lawyers.

Edited by Robert C. Berring, under the guidance of a board of advisors consisting of experienced law librarians, the *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* is published by the Haworth Press, 149 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10010, U.S.A.

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NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

This information is based on materials appearing in the Australian Law Librarians' Group Newsletter.

Computerized Legal Research

The Computerized Legal Information Committee of Victoria has issued a report on the establishment of computerized legal research services. Published in two volumes, the *Report on Computerized Legal Information Retrieval in the State of Victoria* is available for A\$ 10 and mailing costs from the Victoria Law Foundation Office, 160 Queen St., Melbourne, Vic. 3000, Australia.

Catalog Network

The Sydney Law Library Networking Committee has submitted a request for funds from the New South Wales Law Foundation to conduct a feasibility study on the establishment of a law catalog network.

Communications Law Bulletin

Commencing publication in April, 1981, this new quarterly is the official publication of the Australian Communications Law Association. Annual subscriptions are A\$ 20 for individuals and A\$ 30 for institutions. Subscriptions should be mailed to:

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Private Law Firm Libraries in Australia

A survey of Australian private law firm libraries by Colin Fong, including a directory of such libraries and their librarians, is published in the Australian Law Librarians' Group Newsletter, No. 44, pp. 5-14 (July 1981).