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FREEDOM OF SPEECH: THE SUPREME COURT AND JUDICIAL REVIEW. By Martin Shapiro. New Jersey: Prentice-Hall, Inc. 1966. Pp. viii, 182. \$4.95. Two of the greatest continuing disputes in American politics are the role of the Supreme Court and the preferred position doctrine as applied to the first amendment. Martin Shapiro, an advocate of the judicial activist role of the Supreme Court in the political process, uses the latter dispute as it presents itself in our time to provide something more than an "academic illustration" as to why the Court should use its power of judicial review as an effective political tool. The author asserts, in contra-distinction to the traditional argument of the judicially modest that the exercising of judicial review is undemocratic, that when considered as part of a realistic analysis of how American politics works, the Court represents the interests of groups which are not protected by other parts of the government.

LEGAL RESTRAINTS ON RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT. By Michael I. Sovern. New York: The Twentieth Century Fund. 1966. Pp. lx, 270. \$6.00. Since the federal government and most state governments outlaw discrimination in employment, hundreds of federal, state, and municipal agencies now possess powers that can be invoked against racial discrimination. The complexity which results from limiting state agencies by geographical boundaries and narrowly drawn legislation or by sparing grants of executive power, which puts many discriminators beyond the reach of federal antidiscrimination agencies, has fostered ignorance on the part of those with the power to discriminate as well as those vulnerable to that power. The author seeks to dispel this ignorance by explaining all of the various equal opportunity programs and agencies.

He begins with a review of the factors contributing to Negro disadvantage in the job market, proceeds to an examination of the original Committee on Fair Employment Practice formed by President Roosevelt, and then analyzes state antidiscrimination statutes, title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, and the presidential orders prohibiting discrimination by federal contractors. Turning to discrimination in unions, Professor Sovern explores the antidiscrimination potential of the Railway Labor and National Labor Relations Acts. He then focuses on discrimination in apprenticeship training.

WORLD-FAMOUS TRIALS. By Charles Franklin. New York: Taplinger Publishing Company. 1966. Pp. 320. \$4.95. In this book Charles Franklin has assembled a series of trials, twenty-two in all, which comprise the most famous in history. The names of the defendants are familiar to all, Socrates, Savonarola, Mary Stuart, Sir Walter Raleigh, Joan of Arc, Captain Dreyfus, and the Rosenbergs, to mention just a few. In each instance the author has attempted to set the trials in their proper historical background so that the reader will see the trial in its proper perspective and thus not unwittingly judge the prosecution and procedure by modern-day standards. This is not to say that the injustices are condoned; rather, the inequities of the justice handed down are shown to be products of the times.

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