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This is the story of Samuel S. Leibowitz, one of America's renowned criminal lawyers. The author, a distinguished reporter, tells the story through a recount of some of Leibowitz's most famous cases. The cases, selected perhaps with an eye to the lurid, are dramatically reported in the best traditions of the "Front Page" story. One of the most interesting chapters concerns the famous (or infamous) Scottsboro case in which Leibowitz did some of his best work. The book tells little except in a general way of the skills and techniques that made Leibowitz a name to rank with Darrow, Fallon, Geisler and other great criminal lawyers. The reader, however, will have some entertaining, if not especially informative, reading.

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In its five years of existence the United Nations and its affiliated organizations have produced so great a wealth of documents and problems that the uninitiated are likely to be frightened away. Louis B. Sohn's new book should prove a real inducement to enter the morass. This casebook grew out of a highly successful course on "World Organization" taught by Professor Sohn at Harvard Law School, but the selection of material is broad enough to make the volume a valuable one for other university departments as well. All aspects of the United Nations are treated in as clear a presentation as has emerged to date. The editor shows throughout how the United Nations is daily increasing the powers grudgingly conferred upon it—a reassuring thought for those bewildered by some of the recent antics at Lake Success. The student of world law problems will be pleased with the comprehensive bibliography at the beginning of each chapter and the excellent selection of basic documents—evidence, as is the rest of the book, to Mr. Sohn's high level of scholarship.