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In 1954 and 1955, Professor André Tunc of the Faculty of Law of Grenoble, France, and his wife, Suzanne Tunc, published three volumes on the constitutional system and the law of the United States. In France, they received the *Dupin-Ainé* prize awarded by the Academy of Moral and Political Sciences of Paris for the best work done in France during the three preceding years. In the United States, they received the first award made by the American Association for the Comparative Study of Law. A full review of the original French edition was published elsewhere.¹

The present volume is a Spanish translation of Volume Three (Sources and Techniques) and part of Volume Two (Judicial Institutions) of the original. The translation was done by Professor Javier Elola Fernandez, Secretary of the Institute of Comparative Law of Mexico. On a number of points, this Spanish edition has included significant developments since 1954-55; and in addition the Spanish-language bibliography has been amplified. The Institute of Comparative Law, of the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, is to be commended for their interest and support in bringing out this translation.

In the judicial area, there is a description of the federal and state systems of courts and their respective jurisdictions; also the application of federal law by state authorities, and state law by other states and by federal authorities. The French original is more amplified with discussion of several other significant topics (e.g., judicial control over constitutionality of statutes, decrees, and administrative actions; injunction, mandamus, and contempt; recognition of judgments) but for a single volume the selection obviously had to be limited.

The main part "is devoted to the sources and the techniques of American law. The history of the English common law in the colonial period is followed through into its American developments, with some discussion of its fundamental principles, the force of precedent, and the general theory of the common law in the United States (with the exception of Louisiana). Legisla-

1. 8 Journal of Legal Education 393 (1956).

tion is examined as a source of law; and the place of doctrinal writings is considered. Law revision and unification agencies are also mentioned.

"In the description of the actual documentary bibliography of American law, there is a history of the judicial reports and an outline of their present character. The authors explain the different sets and systems of reports, with their collateral digests, indices, citators, and tables, as well as the annotated reports and all their interwoven research devices. Statutes, encyclopedias, loose-leaf systems, treatises, and law reviews are clearly described and their use explained. An appendix of considerable length contains selected bibliographical references under forty-seven separate topics."²

It is not expected that many Americans will read the Spanish edition any more readily than the original French. It is significant, however, to note the expansion of foreign interest in the law of the United States, and with the Spanish text now added to the French one, the Tunc work will make these new materials on the American legal system available and accessible to an increasingly large number of interested people in foreign countries.

Nor should there be excluded the thought of an English translation for use in the United States and other English-speaking countries. Written by a very qualified observer with a different legal background, this study would afford an opportunity to get a broader and better understanding of our own system. When that is done, the English edition should include the Table of Cases which appears in the French edition but was not included in the Spanish.

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BIBLIOGRAFIA SUMARIA DE DERECHO MEXICANO, by Margarita de la Villa and José Luis Zambrano. Mexico, 1957. Pp. xii, 200.

This timely and useful selected bibliography of Mexican law emanates from the Institute of Comparative Law of the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México; it was prepared under the direction of Javier Elola, and also had the collaboration of A. Aguilar Gutiérrez; N. Alcalá-Zamora; R. Cervantes Ahu-

2. *Id.* at 394-95.