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nevertheless hopes for its widest possible influence. That this may not be immediately realized is hardly a reflection on the book. The longing is rather a recognition of unusual merit. As to this book, such longing is most highly justified.

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McCarthy and His Enemies. By William F. Buckley, Jr., and L. Brent Bozell. Chicago: Henry Regnery Company, 1954. Pp. 413. \$5.00.

This volume is the development of a theme expressed by Christopher Fry's mayor in *The Lady's Not for Burning*:¹

"That's enough!
Terrible frivolity, terrible blasphemy,
Awful unorthodoxy. I can't understand
Anything that's being said. Fetch a constable.
The woman's tongue clearly knows the flavour
Of *spiritu maligno*. The man must be
Drummed out of this town."

Buckley wrote another book which Regnery published.² This is more of the same.

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Law and Social Change in the U.S.S.R. By John N. Hazard. Published under the auspices of the London Institute of World Affairs. Toronto: The Carswell Company, Ltd., 1953. Pp. xxiv, 310. \$4.50.

Soviet Law in Action. By Boris A. Konstantinovsky. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1953. Pp. x, 77. Paper, \$1.50.

In all questions relating to the Soviet Union there are two preliminary questions: have you got information and how accurate is it? Direct information as to the policy of a law is always most difficult to come by in all autocratic governments, and of these not least in the Soviet Union. It has to be inferred from textbook statements of legal doctrine, from legislation and from the reports of decided cases. The peculiar difficulty with the Soviet Union lies in three circumstances: first, even such relatively innocuous information as that concerning law, even private law, is kept as far as possible from the outside world, and the interval before release seems to be increasing; secondly, some legislation is kept secret until it needs to be applied; and thirdly, the coverage of law reports is

¹ Page 26 (Oxford U. Press, 2d ed., rev., 1950).

² See Kurland, Book Review, 47 Nw. U. L. Rev. 408 (1952).