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Career Choice and Career Preparation. William John Schill and Harold Edwin Nichols. Danville, Illinois: The Interstate Printers & Publishers, Inc., 1970. 300 pp. \$4.95 (paper).

As a new programmed guidance aid, this book enables the student to thoroughly learn about himself in relation to the decisions of career choice and career preparation he must make. It's a unique contribution to the field of educational and vocational guidance.

Community Power Structure: A Study of Decision Makers. Floyd Hunter. Chapel Hill, North Carolina: The University of North Carolina Press, 1953. 297 pp. \$1.95 (paper).

A classic study of community decision making, this book is now available in paperback. It answers these questions: Who are the top leaders in a large city? How do they attain their power? How do these leaders relate to the rest of the community? The findings of Hunter's study have application to Extension professionals, no matter how large the community in which they work.

Education Law. George M. Johnson. East Lansing, Michigan: Michigan State University Press, 1969. 258 pp. \$7.50.

During the past decade, the character and content of education law has been profoundly altered by two processes: (1) the remarkable change in the relationship between educational systems and federal and state legislative bodies and (2) the actions of the courts in the unprecedented numbers of legal disputes between individuals and educational institutions.

This book is valuable both as a survey of the laws now regulating education and as a demonstration of the interaction and interdependence of educational and legal institutions.

Essential Aspects of Career Planning and Development. J. C. Atherton and Anthony Mumphrey. Danville, Illinois: The Interstate Printers & Publishers, Inc., 1969. 307 pp. \$5.95.

Useful presentation of some practical guidelines on career planning and development. It's written especially for those preparing for employment and for those exploring the world of work. Also, it's a valuable asset to counselors who guide the career activities of youth. The authors stress that timely and realistic career planning and development shouldn't be overlooked when building a curriculum for the student.

A Handbook of International Relations: A Guide to Terms, Theory and Practice. Jack E. Vincent. Woodbury, New York: Barron's Educational Series, Inc., 1969. 456 pp. \$2.95 (paper).

A survey of the principal theories, structures, approaches, agreements, rules, and concepts of the contemporary international system. This book is designed as a reference for beginning students in international relations, but can easily be used by the casual reader as well. Entries are arranged alphabetically by headings and subheadings.

The Higher Learning, the Universities, and the Public. Carl Kaysen. Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 1969. 85 pp. \$1.95 (paper).

In this book, Kaysen examines the social function of the American university in relation to its basis of financial support. He shows how the growth of the universities has outstripped private resources and forced them to rely increasingly on federal funds. He treats the justification of public support of learning under three headings: utilitarian, cultural, and pyramid-building. He weighs the intellectual and political limits of these justifications. To what extent are they right? To whom do they appeal? How powerful are the needs for continued public support?

Learning Through Games: A New Approach to Problem Solving. Elliot Carlson. Washington, D.C.: Public Affairs Press, 1969. 183 pp. \$4.50.

A new approach to problem solving, this book shows how strategy games are being used by schools, businesses, unions, government, and others to achieve a range of objectives.

Despite certain limitations, games represent a trend away from what the author calls "unrealistic and idealized textbook views of American life." They also reflect the current movement away from the age-old classroom emphasis of memorizing. They are part of a major effort to creatively use the educational process.

Educational gaming mirrors the growing importance of the "play" element in learning. Along with other teaching innovations, strategy games represent an important part of the revolution in today's education.

A Modern Dictionary of Sociology. George A. Theodorson and Achilles G. Theodorson. New York, New York: Thomas Y. Crowell Company, 1969. 469 pp. \$2.95 (paper).

Sociology, like all disciplines, has a language of its own. This book, with its well-defined concepts and terminology of sociology and related disciplines, helps the layman understand confusing and mysterious terms.

Organisation and Bureaucracy: An Analysis of Modern Theories. Nicos P. Mouzelis. Chicago, Illinois: Aldine Publishing Company, 1967. 230 pp. \$2.95 (paper).

This book surveys the most important approaches to the study of organizations and the way these approaches are interrelated. The author assesses the impact of large-scale bureaucracy on the power structure of modern society. He also examines the other tradition of organizational writings that starts with Taylor and the movement of scientific management. Finally, he analyzes the recent theoretical trends that indicate a convergence of the bureaucracy and the managerial lines of thought.

Power and Poverty: Theory and Practice. Peter Bachrach and Morton S. Baratz. New York, New York: Oxford University Press, 1970. 220 pp. \$2.50.

This book is designed to lead students of the political process to an understanding of the phenomena of power and its correlates, showing how they are exercised and what effects they may have on the political system. The two parts of the book consist of: (1) a theoretical analysis of the political process, with particular reference to the concept of nondecision-making, and (2) the application of the theoretical model to the relationship between the antipoverty effort and political process in a community.

Race and Poverty: The Economics of Discrimination. John F. Kain. Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey: Prentice-Hall, Inc., 1969. 186 pp. \$5.95.

Discrimination is taking a heavy economic toll in America, in addition to its much-discussed social consequences. This volume presents writings by economists, President Nixon, and others who measure the cost of discrimination and outline ways to overcome it. As the editor points out, "Discrimination and poverty are inextricably linked in the economic heritage of the American black man."

The book is concerned primarily with contemporary factors and is divided into five parts: the economic condition of the Negro; labor market discrimination; attitudes: white and black; housing market discrimination; and policy alternatives: black capitalism, ghetto development, integration.

Society and Economic Growth: A Behavioral Perspective of Social Change. John H. Kunkel. New York, New York: Oxford University Press, 1970. 368 pp. \$6.50.

This book focuses on the inner workings and some of the problems of social change and economic development. Drawing on research in sociology, anthropology, economics, and psychology, it covers such topics as social structure, government, culture, and systems, and presents an interesting viewpoint of social and economic dynamics.

Strategies for Success in Compensatory Education: An Appraisal of Evaluation Research. Edward L. McDill, Mary S. McDill, and J. Timothy Sprehe. Baltimore, Maryland: The Johns Hopkins Press, 1969. 83 pp. \$1.95 (paper).

This is a study of the problems in compensatory education: (1) the quality of evaluative research of these special education programs, (2) the effectiveness of existing programs to date, and (3) future planning of programs and research to test performance. Programs discussed include Head Start, Title I, and Upward Bound. The book includes an extensive reference list.

Teenagers Are People: A New Concept. Dan Komarnicki. New York, New York: Exposition Press, 1968. 145 pp. \$4.00.

The author, a professional youth worker, answers questions like: What makes teenagers tick? Why is there a communication gap between them and their parents? What are teenagers' goals? How are they different from teenagers of former generations?

A book the volunteer youth leader will find interesting and useful.

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Black Manifesto: Religion, Racism, and Reparations. Robert S. Lecky and H. Elliot Wright, eds. New York, New York: Sheed and Ward, 1969. 182 pp. \$2.45 (paper).

- Business Meetings That Make Business.** John L. Lobingier, Jr. New York, New York: Collier Books, 1969. 146 pp. \$1.50 (paper).
- The Counseling Center in Higher Education.** Phillip J. Gallagher and George D. Demos, eds. Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas, Publisher, 1970. 399 pp. \$13.75.
- Education in America.** George Charles Roche III. Irvington-on-Hudson, New York: The Foundation for Economic Education, Inc., 1969. 163 pp. \$1.75 (paper).
- Group Counseling: Dynamic Possibilities of Small Groups.** Edgar N. Jackson. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Pilgrim Press, 1969. 129 pp. \$2.95 (paper).
- On Balance and Higher Education: A Gesture to the Second Law of Thermodynamics.** Jeff Robbins. New York, New York: Philosophical Library, 1970. 102 pp. \$4.50.
- Politics of Social Research: An Inquiry into the Ethics and Responsibilities of Social Scientists.** Ralph L. Beals. Chicago, Illinois: Aldine Publishing Company, 1969. 228 pp. \$6.95.
- Regions of Tomorrow: Towards the Open City.** Maurice Ash. New York, New York: Schocken Books, 1969. 99 pp. \$5.95.
- Students and Decision Making.** Robert S. Morison. Washington, D.C.: Public Affairs Press, 1970. 136 pp. \$2.00 (paper).
- Teens Alive! Getting the Best Out of the Teen Years.** Roy F. Heiser and William J. Krutza. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Book House, 1969. 114 pp. \$1.50 (paper).
- Your Attitude Is Changing.** E. N. Chapman. Chicago, Illinois: Science Research Associates, Inc., 1966. 217 pp. No price given.

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