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AN INTRODUCTION TO SOME PROBLEMS OF AUSTRALIAN FEDERALISM, by Ken-

The object of this study is to provide a definitive statement of State-Fed-
eral relations in the Commonwealth of Australia. The author declares it to
be his hope "that the investigation will clear the ground for an evaluation
of judgments by critics of governmental forms who declare Australian 'fed-
eralism' to be a failure." (v). Accordingly the volume examines the
constitutional foundations of the more important phases of state-federal rela-
tions, and superimposes upon this framework an analysis of the more dynamic
extra-constitutional administrative developments which have given life to as
well as tempered the rigidity of the fundamental law. Part One treats of
the general relationship between the states and the commonwealth in the
following matters: Constituent authority, legislation, and general admin-
istration, judicial administration, government railways, education, external
affairs, industrial disputes, and trade and commerce. Part Two presents a
detailed consideration of financial relations including: financial assistance
to states, the Australian Loan Council, Commonwealth and State Banks,
Taxation and Tariff.

The lawyer's interest in the volume will center upon the extent to which
constitutional considerations have contributed to the problems of Australian
federal government. With federal centralization in the United States an
accomplished fact, the precise manner in which Australian states have been
divested of their powers as revealed in this volume, should be of current in-
terest to American lawyers.

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Not the least difficulty in the effort to follow with any approximation of
thoroughness the developments of the "Roosevelt revolution" upon its myriad
fronts is that of access to the great amount of data which the many new mills
government activity turn out daily. The staggering volume of new execu-
tive orders, regulations, and administrative and judicial decisions incident
to the National Industrial Recovery Administration in all of its phases, per-
haps the greater proportion of which is available for general distribution
only in mimeographed form if at all, demands compilation. Mr. Mayers' 
Handbook is a creditably organized collection of the more important data upon
that which might be termed "the law of N. R. A." The expository heading
best indicates the scope of the material included:

"An analysis and compilation of the National Industrial Recovery
Act and related statutes, federal and state, and of all executive orders,
regulations, agreements, administrative rulings and judicial decisions
relative thereto; together with a comparative presentation of typical