

confirm his doctrine that smoking is responsible for a large portion of mankind's ills.

This book will be eagerly read by many persons looking for confirmation of their beliefs. It will disappoint others who are looking for a scientific, objective, and critical discussion of the problems involved. This reviewer plans to place this book in the nonscience section of his library.

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Committee Common Sense—By

Audrey R. and Harleigh B. Trecker.
New York: Whiteside, Inc., and William Morrow & Co., Inc. (425 Fourth Ave.), 1954. 158 pp. Price, \$2.50.

The title of this book is aptly taken. Based on the satisfactions derived "from working with countless committees in all kinds of organizations" but mindful of the accompanying frustrations, irritations, and fumbblings, the authors are sharing in this handbook some of the observations and learnings from their own experience. This is done with the hope that it will be helpful to everybody who is working on committees or will do so at some future time, and not to the committee chairman alone.

The authors point out that the committee process is the only known alternative to one-man control of organizations and as such is too important in modern society to be treated casually. In business and civic enterprise, the committee is the working group through which vital decisions are made and how the individual works with others on such assignments determines in large measure the kind of community there will be.

With this in mind, the authors have put down in clear, orderly fashion the why—who—when—what—and how—of successful committee operations. Helpful guides in the form of charts, check lists and outlines are included, as well as a suggested "Code of Conduct" for committee members. The concluding

chapter is a presentation of 15 "Principles of Effective Committee Work" which give added meaning to participation in the committee process.

Everyone threatened with or suffering from "committee-itis" should find this book a wholesome, therapeutic measure. A suggested reading list is appended.

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Air Pollution—A Bibliography—By

S. J. Davenport and G. G. Margis.
(Bull. 537 U. S. Bureau of Mines),
Washington, D. C.: U. S. Gov. Ptg. Office, 1954. 488 pp. Price \$1.75.

Air pollution and its control is a grave problem in many communities. This bibliography, an outgrowth of the United States Technical Conference on Air Pollution, is actually a collection of abstracts covering the literature concerning outdoor atmospheric pollution. This collection of abstracts has been arranged according to subjects with the abstracts under each subject in chronological order, arranged alphabetically. The major subject subdivisions are: general aspects, nature and origin, composition, physiological effects, methods of determination, control and abatement, legal aspects, and cost of air pollution. A major share of the book is devoted to the control of air pollution with some 170 pages devoted to this phase of the subject.

Many sources were used by the authors in preparing this bibliography, including prior bibliographies, abstracts from general abstract journals such as Chemical Abstracts, and specialized abstracts of specific journals dealing principally with air pollution control or industrial hygiene.

It is to be regretted that the source material of the bibliography was so strictly construed that major sources of literature dealing with methods of determination of air pollutants in the closely related field of industrial hygiene were omitted. One other point that may