

Zygmunt Rybicki, *Zarządzanie gospodarką narodową w PRL. Zagadnienia administracyjno-prawne* [Administration of the National Economy in Poland. Administrative-Legal Problems], Warszawa 1963, PWN, 239 pages.

In Poland the management of the national economy is a subject of great interest to theorists.

A recent book by professor Z. Rybicki, *Zarządzanie gospodarką narodową w PRL* [Administration of the National Economy in Poland] has made an interesting con-

tribution to this sphere. It is the result of much careful study, and expresses a clear view on the administration of the national economy in the Polish People's Republic.

The author describes the main principles on which the socialist economic system in Poland is based. Problems such as democratic centralization and planning of economic administration, or the supervision and co-ordination of various industrial enterprises, are discussed at length. There is also a clear expose of the legal position of the enterprise, which is the basic economic unit in our system. The author discusses, for instance, the duties of the manager of the enterprise and those of the workers' self-governing bodies.

It must be stressed that many passages in the book are polemical in character. In discussing the views of other writers the author makes his own all the more clear. For example, professor Rybicki argues against certain views on the essence of democratic centralization, and criticizes other authors for questioning Parliament's ability to take economic decisions, a standpoint which, in the author's opinion, is unacceptable in a socialist system. The book contains summaries in French and Russian.

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