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***A semifilter approach to selection principles II:  $\tau^*$ -covers***

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**Abstract:** Developing the idea of assigning to a large cover of a topological space a corresponding semifilter, we show that every Menger topological space has the property  $\bigcup_{\text{fin}}(\mathcal{O}, T^*)$  provided  $(\mathfrak{u} < \mathfrak{g})$ , and every space with the property  $\bigcup_{\text{fin}}(\mathcal{O}, T^*)$  is Hurewicz provided  $(\text{Depth}^+([\omega]^{\aleph_0}) \leq \mathfrak{b})$ . Combining this with the results proven in cited literature, we settle all questions whether (it is consistent that) the properties  $\mathsf{P}$  and  $\mathsf{Q}$  [do not] coincide, where  $\mathsf{P}$  and  $\mathsf{Q}$  run over  $\bigcup_{\text{fin}}(\mathcal{O}, \Gamma)$ ,  $\bigcup_{\text{fin}}(\mathcal{O}, T)$ ,  $\bigcup_{\text{fin}}(\mathcal{O}, T^*)$ ,  $\bigcup_{\text{fin}}(\mathcal{O}, \Omega)$ , and  $\bigcup_{\text{fin}}(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O})$ .

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