

Bay of Pigs was not to fear letting the public know about his peaceful side. The tragic result was that for years after the Cuban missile crisis, it was seen as a triumph of toughness. And the continuing series of disasters that was our experience in Vietnam was then justified on the grounds that we were demonstrating our "resolve." One wonders about the lives that could have been saved if after the missile crisis Kennedy had told the truth about his dovish gesture. Maybe then he could have told the public—and the public would have been ready to hear—what he in fact told only two men: that he thought Vietnam was a mistake and planned to pull out after the 1964 election.

—*Nicholas Lemann and Charles Peters*

**Breaktime: Living Beyond the Work Ethic in America.** Bernard Lefkowitz. Hawthorn, \$12.95.

**Confession and Avoidance.** Leon Jaworski with Mickey Herskowitz. Doubleday, \$12.95. An engaging memoir, mostly about the non-Watergate aspects of the special prosecutor's life. There are, however, a few pages of new material on Watergate, including the author's revelation that he thinks it was Nixon who erased the tapes. Jaworski, who is not known by his fellow prosecutors for his instinct for the jugular, admits that during the Koreagate hearings he suppressed evidence that a high-ranking White House assistant under Ford had taken money from Honcho Kim.

—*C.P.*

**Congress and the Bureaucracy: A Theory of Influence.** R. Douglas Arnold. Yale, \$15.95.

**Contested Terrain: The Transformation of the Workplace in the Twentieth Century.** Richard Edwards. Basic, \$12.95.

**Controlling Social Expenditures: The Search for Output Measures.** Alfred S. Eichner, Charles Brecher. Allanheld Osmun, \$23.50.

**Enterprise.** Jerry Gray. Morrow, \$10.95.

**The FBI Pyramid: From the Inside.** Mark Felt. Putnam, \$12.50.

**The Future of United States Naval Power.** James A. Nathan, James K. Oliver. Indiana, \$15.

**Hitler vs. Roosevelt: The Undeclared Naval War.** Thomas A. Bailey, Paul B. Ryan. Macmillan, \$12.95.

**Japanese Direct Foreign Investment.** Suetō Sekiguchi. Allanheld Osmun, \$20.

**Jimmy Carter: The Man and the Myth.** Victor Lasky. Marek, \$12.50.

**Justice and Reverse Discrimination.** Alan H. Goldman. Princeton, \$16.50/\$3.95.

**Lightning Joe: An Autobiography.** General J. Lawton Collins. Louisiana State, \$14.

**The Main Chance.** Jules Witcover. Viking, \$9.95. Fiction.

**The Making of the Popes 1978: The Politics of Intrigue in the Vatican.** Andrew M. Greeley. Andrews and McMeel, \$12.95. A fascinating day-by-day account of the politicking that took place in the Vatican during last year's Papal elections. Greeley is one of the few American journalists who is interested in (indeed, obsessed by) Vatican politics, and Papal elections are his big chance to strut his stuff, which he does with obvious delight. Unlike the stories that were written at the time of the elections of the two John Pauls, you won't read much in this book about divine inspiration or men deep in prayer. Greeley sees Vatican elections for what they are: political struggles fought by men who may be Cardinals but are also, to some degree or other, politicians. Greeley shows us who's doing what to whom, who's lining up blocks of votes, who's being blackballed, who the leading candidates and the powers are as the Cardinals prepare to find a new Pope. Great stuff, really, and if there's one big flaw in the book it is not with Greeley's material but with his diary format, which allows him to tell us much more than we care to hear about himself ("My sinuses are completely out of hand, and I seem not to have brought enough sinus pills") in between all the gossip about Papal candidates.

For any student of international bureaucracy, Greeley's description of the Vatican version will ring especially true. He says the people who run the Vatican are thoroughly incompetent, out of touch with the world and the Church, and more interested in what goes on inside their building than in how their policies are affecting the Church.

—*Joseph Nocera*

**Martha: A Biography of Martha Mitchell.** Winzola McLendon. Random House, \$12.95. This is a bad book. It lacks style, organization, and intelligence. But it is full



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—C.P.

**Merchants of Grain.** Dan Morgan. Viking, \$14.95. A good book by one of Washington's most underrated reporters. Morgan, who covers multinational corporations for *The Washington Post*, has done an impressive job of penetrating the veil of secrecy that surrounds the five giant (and family-owned) companies that dominate the world grain trade. Historically, the grain companies, and food policy in general, have been vastly underreported, so Morgan's work is especially admirable for his willingness to write about an "unsexy," albeit important, topic.

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—J.N.

**Money Rush.** Andrew Duncan. Doubleday, \$10.95.

**Of Grass and Snow: The Secret Criminal Elite.** Hank Messick. Prentice-Hall, \$9.95.

**One Man, One Voice.** Charles Morgan. Holt, Rinehart & Winston, \$12.95.

**Phoenix.** Amos Aricha, Eli Landau. NAL, \$9.95/\$2.50. Fiction

**Playing the Private College Admissions Game.** Richard Moll. Times, \$12.95.

**The Politics of Energy.** Barry Commoner. Knopf, \$10/\$4.95.

**Private Urban Renewal: A Different Residential Trend.** Eileen Zeitz. Lexington, \$14.95.

**Sexual Harassment of Working Women: A Case of Sex Discrimination.** Catherine MacKinnon. Yale, \$22.50/\$5.95.

**Shutdown: Nuclear Power on Trial.** Matthew McClure, ed. Book Publishing Co., \$4.95.

**A Time to Heal.** Gerald R. Ford. Harper & Row, \$12.95. The President who used to make his own breakfast in the White House has now written his own book, and the result is sadly predictable: it is long, ponderous, and dull. Ford comes across as an honest and decent man, at peace with himself and his accomplishments, but even culling that much from *A Time to Heal* requires reading heavily between the lines.

The book is a flat and uninspired recitation of all the events that took place during his vice presidency and presidency (special emphasis on Watergate, natch), but only when writing about Nixon does Ford tell stories worth repeating. He describes, for example, one meeting between Nixon and Benton Becker, a lawyer he sent to San Clemente to tell Nixon that a pardon was in the works: "Nixon seemed exhausted. 'You've been a fine young man,' he told Becker. 'You've been a gentleman. We've had enough bullies. . . I want to give you something. But look around the office. I don't have anything any more. They took everything away from me.'

"Becker looked uncomfortable. 'That's all right, Mr. President,' he began.

"No, no, no,' Nixon went on, 'I asked Pat to get these for me.' He opened a desk drawer and pulled out two little boxes containing cuff links and a tie pin. 'She got these out of my own jewelry box. There aren't any more in the entire world.'"

—J.N.

**Uprooted Americans: Essays to Honor Oscar Handlin.** Richard L. Bushman et al. Little, Brown, \$15.

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**The Witness Who Spoke With God and Other Tales From the Courthouse.** Milton S. Gould. Viking, \$12.95. Fiction.

**The Women Say, the Men Say: Women's Liberation and Men's Consciousness.** Evelyn Shapiro, Barry Shapiro. Delacorte, \$14.95/\$8.95.

**World Economic Development: 1979 and Beyond.** Herman Kahn. Morrow, \$7.95.