

Kolyma: The Arctic Death Camp. Robert Conquest. Viking, \$10.

Legend: The Secret World of Lee Harvey Oswald. Edward Jay Epstein. Reader's Digest, \$12.95. A fascinating real-life spy story about Lee Harvey Oswald, the CIA, the KGB, and double agents, "moles", cover stories, and so on. Epstein's thesis is that Oswald was in touch with the KGB during his time in Russia, that the KGB took pains to spread a false story that that wasn't the case, and that the American intelligence agencies did not bring the truth to life. *Legend* does not purport to shed any light on who killed JFK which shows admirable restraint on Epstein's part.

Lost Tribes and Promised Lands: The Origins of American Racism. Ronald Sanders. Little, Brown, \$15.

Lying: Moral Choice in Public and Private Life. Sissela Bok. Pantheon, \$10.95.

Magubane's South Africa. Peter Magubane. Knopf, \$12.95/\$7.95.

Mencken: A Study of His Thought. Charles A. Fecher. Knopf, \$15.

Mocking Justice: America's Biggest Drug Scandal. Hamilton E. Davis. Crown, \$8.95.

Money Madness: The Psychology of Saving, Spending, Loving and Hating Money. Herb Goldberg, Robert T. Lewis. Morrow, \$8.95.

Nigeria. C. Thurstan Shaw. Norton, \$16.95.

Nixon Presidential Press Conferences. George W. Johnson, ed. Earl M. Coleman Enterprises, \$35.

The Non-Alignment Movement in World Politics. Arch W. Singham, ed. Lawrence Hill, \$6.95.

On Aesthetics in Science. Judith Wechsler. MIT Press, \$12.50.

On Moral Fiction. John Gardner. Basic, \$8.95.

Perjury: The Hiss-Chambers Case. Allen Weinstein. Knopf, \$15. Alger Hiss was clean-cut, handsome, courteous, Harvard Law, State Department, member of the American delegation at Yalta, organizer of the founding conference of the United

Public Affairs Books

THE CULTURE OF INEQUALITY

Michael Lewis

Michael Lewis argues that the persistence of social and economic inequality in America is the result of a cultural belief system based on individual responsibility for personal success or failure and on the myth of equal and unlimited opportunity for the willing. After tracing the historical roots of this belief system and its strategic role in our society, the author illustrates its day-to-day presence in the sentiments of people living in a medium-sized American city. \$12.50

CRISIS ON THE LEFT

Mary Sperling McAuliffe

Cold War Politics and American Liberals, 1947-1954

Mary Sperling McAuliffe shows that traditional liberal preoccupations with individual freedom and civil liberties were blunted during the McCarthy years by concern for national security, growing antagonism toward the radical left, and fear of the political right—and that liberals willingly participated in an attempt to deny civil liberties to those whose political beliefs they did not share. \$12.50

HOW THE RURAL POOR GOT POWER

Paul David Wellstone

Narrative of a Grass-Roots Organizer

How The Rural Poor Got Power is the story of several hundred ordinary people and their organization for political power in one southern Minnesota county. Paul David Wellstone chronicles the origins, development, successes, and failures of this grass-roots coalition which sought to replace moral suasion with political clout. \$12.50

University of Massachusetts Press

Box 429

Amherst, MA 01002

Nations, and now, in 1948, president of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

Whittaker Chambers was fat, sloppy, rotten-toothed, a college drop-out, and a confessed ex-member of a Communist apparatus engaged in stealing U.S. government documents for the Soviet Union.

In 1948 Chambers, then a senior editor of *Time*, testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities that Hiss, while in the State Department during the 1930s, had been part of a Communist underground. Hiss denied even knowing Chambers and sued him for slander. Chambers then broadened his charge against Hiss to include espionage. He produced microfilm and documents that he said Hiss had copied or taken from State Department files. Their conflicting stories eventually resulted in Hiss's being tried and found guilty on charges of perjury. Charges of treason were not brought because more than ten years had elapsed since the acts Chambers alleged.

Those are the bare bones. But several circumstances added interest to the case. As early as 1939 Chambers had identified members of the Communist underground, including Hiss, to A.A. Berle, Assistant Secretary of State—and nothing had happened to slow

down Hiss's steady rise in the department. In 1942 the New York office of the FBI sent directly to J. Edgar Hoover an eight-page report on its interview with Chambers covering essentially the same ground—and Hoover dismissed the information as mere hypothesis. During the legal proceedings Adlai E. Stevenson, Supreme Court Justices Stanley Reed, and Felix Frankfurter, as well as a host of other establishment figures, attested to Hiss' integrity and loyalty, and, outside the courtroom, such figures as Eleanor Roosevelt, Dean Acheson, Walter Lippmann, and Joseph Alsop staunchly stood by Hiss. A young congressman named Richard Nixon received his first national recognition as a driving member of the House committee that brought Hiss down. Another member of Congress named Joseph McCarthy later rode to power because of the vulnerability of political and bureaucratic figures who had been taken in by Alger Hiss's calm assertions of innocence.

The evidence against Hiss is so compelling that unless one is hopelessly addicted to theories of government conspiracy and frame-up there is scant room for doubt.

Why, then, do we need this 700-page book by historian Weinstein?

Because time blurs, and many came to

Reflecting on Campaign Euphoria

In September of 1976 *The Washington Monthly* had some things to say about Carter's prospects that seem particularly relevant now. Some of you missed that issue because you weren't subscribers then. We've put them together for those who wish to look back for insight on today's troubles.

For Jimmy Carter and Other Reformers of Washington: A Sandbag Avoidance and Mine Detector Kit.

It includes the following articles:

The Seductions of Washington Society by James Fallows.

A Kind Word for the Spoils System by Charles Peters.

Why the Sun Will Never Set on the Federal Empire
by Nicholas Lemann.

**The Foreign Policy Club: They've Been Wrong Before
and They'll be Wrong Again** by Roger Morris.

I enclose \$1.00 for: **For Jimmy Carter and Other Reformers of Washington: A Sandbag Avoidance and Mine Detector Kit.**

Name.....Street.....

City.....State.....Zip.....