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The American Revolution: Explorations in the History of American Radicalism. Edited by Alfred F. Young. Delkalb, Illinois: Northern Illinois University Press. 1976. Pp. xv + 481. Cloth. \$15.00.

Eleven original essays are compiled in this work focusing on the radical themes underlying the American Revolution. The primary concept of these essays appears to be the role that class structure and cultural forces played in shaping the Revolution. In the foreword and afterword, editor Young sorts out the basic themes running throughout the essays and paints a historical perspective as to the successes and failures of the popular movements of the Revolution.

Attorney's Guide to California Construction Contracts and Disputes. By James Acret. Berkeley, California: California Continuing Education of the Bar. 1976. Pp. x + 473. \$42.40.

The text runs through the most common and significant problems encountered in drafting construction contracts and resolving disputes. Included are chapters analyzing issues in contractor's license law, private contract and public contract disputes, and tort liability, among others. The appendices are seventy pages of contract forms and clauses. A table of statutes, regulations, and rules, as well as a table of cases and a comprehensive index are set out at the end.

Consumer's Guide to Fighting Back. By Morris J. Bloomstein. New York: Dodd Mead. 1976. Pp. viii + 288. Cloth. \$7.95.

Written by an attorney, *Consumer's Guide to Fighting Back* is a compilation of tactics and information that a consumer can utilize in obtaining redress without consulting a lawyer. The book is limited to consumer transactions, with chapters ranging from complaints regarding professional services to dealings with credit and collection agencies.

Labor Relations in the Federal Government Service. By Murray B. Nesbitt. Washington, D.C.: Bureau of National Affairs, Inc. 1976. Pp. xiv + 545. Cloth. \$17.50.

Part I of *Labor Relations in the Federal Government Service* follows the growth of public employee unions from their

first appearance in the 1830's to the present status of public employee unions created by President Kennedy's Executive Order 10988. Part II analyzes the theoretical aspects and national policies regarding federal employee unionism, while Part III reviews the significant clauses in federal employee contracts and highlights basic grievance and disciplinary procedures affecting federal employees. Finally, Part IV treats the issues and problems created by public-employee unionism, and compares the present administrative system in the United States with the Canadian system.

Political Money: A Strategy for Campaign Financing. By David W. Adamany and George E. Agree. Baltimore and London: The John Hopkins University Press. 1975. Pp. x + 242. Cloth. \$11.95.

Political Money is an analysis by two political scientists of the present method of public campaign financing. It traces the history and forces that culminated in the passage of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1974, and proposes reforms for campaign financing, arguing that a campaign finance voucher system could be the basis for more proportionate and democratic public financing.

The Prison Policy and Practice. By Gordon Hawkins. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press. 1976. Pp. xi + 217. Cloth. \$10.95.

The author, an associate professor of criminology, has addressed both the ideological framework and the subsequent effects of the penal system. Among the issues dealt with are prisoner rights, medical experimentation, the role of the prison guard, and the current controversy regarding the impact imprisonment has on young inmates.

The Rape of Inez Garcia. By Jim Wood. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons. 1976. Pp. 221. Cloth. \$7.95.

Jim Wood, a reporter for the *San Francisco Examiner*, has recorded the events constituting the rape, trial, and sentencing of Inez Garcia. Calling the scene that occurred in the Monterey County Superior Court, Inez Garcia's "second rape," Mr. Wood focuses on the cultural values and conflicting personalities that were the forces behind the courtroom trial.

Slumlord! By Albert Lee. New Rochelle, New York: Arlington House. 1976. Pp. 155. Cloth. \$7.95.

Subtitled "The True Story of the Man Who is Beating America's Biggest Problem," this biography of an inner-city landlord is written in a novel format. *Slumlord!* deals with such issues as legal clinics versus landlords, prostitutes and welfare mothers as good tenants (grouped together), and the alleged harassment of "conscientious landlords" by "do-gooders" and other liberals.

