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THE BROKEN COVENANT: AMERICAN CIVIL RELIGION IN TIME OF TRIAL. By Robert N. Bellah. New York: Seabury Press. 1975. Pp. xvi + 172. Cloth. \$7.95.

The Broken Covenant is a moving study of the religious myths underlying the "covenants" that have created America's self-image. The shortcomings and frustrations of America's social reality are set forth against the backdrop of the peculiarly American vision author Bellah labels "Civil Religion." Corruption within and loss of faith without have pushed our institutions to a moral crisis point as America struggles to adapt the Jeffersonian ideals of a backward rural society to the demands of an age of massive technology and international confrontation. *The Broken Covenant* insists that the promise must be renewed, based on a transcendent vision of human potential and liberty.

SIMPLE JUSTICE. By Richard Kluger. New York: Alfred A. Knopf. 1976. Pp. x + 823. Cloth. \$15.95.

Simple Justice tells the dramatic story of *Brown v. Board of Education*. Mr. Kluger describes the events that led to the inevitable confrontation between earlier precedents and evolving social demands. He delves deeply into the roots of the twin forces behind the momentous ruling—the black demand for racial equality and human dignity, and the liberal advance of legal thinking. The personalities of the nine Justices, and especially Chief Justice Warren, emerge through the description of the conflicts and concessions that finally produced an unanimous opinion. *Simple Justice* tells the story that needs to be told—the story of American justice at work in one of its most noble endeavors.

CENTURY OF STRUGGLE: THE WOMAN'S RIGHTS MOVEMENT IN THE UNITED STATES. By Eleanor Flexner. London: Belknap Press. 1975. Pp. xiii + 405. Cloth. \$15.00.

Century of Struggle, the much acclaimed classic of the late 1950's that placed the woman's rights movement in the United States in its historical perspective, has now been revised to include the significant developments in the woman's rights movement during the last fifteen years. In this edition, Ms.

Flexner ties the goals of the early suffragettes to the heated issues of modern liberation, such as the battle for the Equal Rights Amendment, the role and development of the National Organization for Women, and the functioning of affirmative action programs. Beyond its historical analysis, *Century of Struggle* explores the relationship of the woman's rights movement to other civil rights and labor movements.

LAWYERING. By Helene E. Schwartz. New York: Farrar, Straus, and Giroux. 1976. Pp. x + 308. Cloth. \$10.00.

Lawyering is a compelling account of litigation of constitutional issues by "a lawyer who happens to be a woman." In colorful and sometimes humorous prose, Ms. Schwartz describes her involvement as a trial lawyer on the defense team for William F. Buckley and his *National Review* in the famous libel suit, of the Chicago Eight in their successful appeal, and her experiences defending demonstrators opposing the Vietnam War and the policies of the Nixon administration. *Lawyering* offers both insight into the difficulties of a female attorney in a traditionally male profession and a fascinating glimpse into the unpublicized procedures of litigation.

PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR THE UNMARRIED COUPLE. By William Blaine and John Bishop. New York: Two Continents Publishing Group, Ltd. 1976. Pp. 219. Cloth. \$7.95.

This book, written for non-lawyers by two attorneys, offers clear and concise legal advice for the couple living together without the sanction of marriage. The advantages and disadvantages of such a life style are discussed, as well as the effects that a non-married, living-together status may have on contracts, ownership of property, criminal penalties, tort liability, employment and other legal points of which the unmarried couple should be aware. This book is a useful resource for anybody, including gays and senior citizens, considering or presently living with another person under such an arrangement.

LABOR: AMERICA'S TWO-FACED MOVEMENT. By Herrick S. Roth. New York: Mason/Charter. 1975. Pp. x + 198. Cloth. \$10.00.

Written by a prominent labor leader who has been active in the Colorado labor movement for nearly twenty years, *Labor: America's Two-Faced Movement* takes a hard look at labor's increasing entanglement with big business and govern-

ment. Mr. Roth outlines the evolution of union structures and shows how these structures operate to repress union democracy at local levels. The dangers of an overly powerful, national-management union structure are aptly demonstrated by Roth's analysis of the bitter battle between Roth, the President of the Colorado Labor Council, and George Meany, AFL-CIO President, when the Colorado Labor Council refused to withdraw its endorsement of Senator McGovern's presidential candidacy.