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THE POLITICS OF RAPE: THE VICTIM'S PERSPECTIVE. By Diana E.H. Russell. New York: Stein & Day. 1975. Pp. 311. Cloth. \$10.00.

Sources cited by Ms. Russell in her book indicate that as many as 85 percent of rapes go unreported. Further, the victim is often relegated by police, hospital officials, family and friends to a state of isolation. Ms. Russell explores the reasons behind these manifestations of individual and social attitudes toward rape, and emphatically contradicts the views of many male clinicians, authors and investigators. The book focuses on the feelings and impressions of the victims and evidences the need to reexamine established views on rape. The case histories examined by the author are poignant and expressive, often needing no commentary to make Ms. Russell's point: rape victims do not "ask for it."

THE BREAD GAME. Edited by Regional Project & Pacific Change. San Francisco: Glide Publications 1973. Pp. 88. Softbound. \$1.95.

This book is an attempt to bridge the gap between malfunctioning yet heavily funded institutions, and useful but inadequately funded social action groups, by providing a unique "how to" manual of fund raising for social change. Large foundations and institutions, with the advantages of size and longevity, often monopolize public and private funding sources. This book is intended as a guide for small activist groups that must circumvent the monopoly to survive. The work thus has a somewhat atypical outlook, but it is extremely practical. It was prepared by members of the Adult Project staff, by tax lawyers, and by accountants.

DEATH ROW: AN AFFIRMATION OF LIFE. Edited by Stephen Levine. San Francisco: Glide Publications. 1972. Pp. xxv + 241. Softbound. \$3.95.

Death Row is indeed an affirmation, a collection of the writings by those most aware of what the taking of life means—men condemned to die. The writings indicate that each man's outlook is individual, yet somehow archetypal in its concerns: the search for the silent self, the desire to be free, the hope for a quick merciful death. The most useful function this book might perform is to act as an emotional and spiritual touchstone by which we may define our state of mind. It may provide the impetus for a self-appraisal of our values and at the same time offer a unique standard by which to judge these values.

DOSSIER: THE SECRET FILES THEY KEEP ON YOU. By Aryeh Neier. New York: Stein & Day. 1975. Pp. 216. Cloth. \$7.95.

This first book of Aryeh Neier, Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union, is a powerful indictment against governmental and private dossier gatherers. The charges leveled by the book are well documented with samples of actual dossiers, many of them dealing with innocuous activities of private citizens. The book is a blow for freedom and for privacy. It exposes the danger; it proposes the remedies.

