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Supposed "liberal" Braden, non-stop defender of the CIA no matter what it did, had other complications in his life besides his own illegal domestic operations for the CIA. These are not uncommon among columnists. And while Nixon and his partisans bewailed the alleged anti-Nixon bias they claimed existed in the Republican-owned press, the fact is that the bias was for, not against Nixon and the Republicans and Nixon's hand-picked successor, Ford. insert (

Charles R. Seib, an associated editor of the WxPost then and formerly an executive of the WxStar, addressed <sup>columnists' complications</sup> ~~this in~~ an editorial article of press self-criticism. However, it was long, long after the fact, long after it made any difference in what the people could know so that representative society could function. It was a sort of New Year's resolution, published 1/2/75. It fell short of telling all the complications and conflicts of three of the well-paid syndicated columnists whose writing figured in the story of The Watergate:

"Tom Braden, who writes on public affairs from Washington, strongly supported Newson Rockefeller during the [vice-presidential confirmation] hearings on Rockefeller's financial largess. It wasn't until later ~~with some reluctance~~ that he revealed - with some reluctance - that he had received over \$100,000 in loans from Rockefeller back in the 1950s to finance purchase of a newspaper."

No mention of Braden's CIA career Nor of William Buckley's:

"William F. Buckley, also a public affairs columnist, defended Rockefeller in the matter of the campaign book about Rockefeller's gubernatorial opponent, Arthur Goldberg. But Buckley did not tell ~~himself~~ his readers that he was chairman of the firm that published the book for the Rockefellers."

That unnamed firm was the right-wing Arlington House, unnamed. It did not merely publish the Rockefeller-financed smear disguised as a normal publication, it did it on a deal in which the Rockefellers paid them a guaranteed profit for the political service.

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Later Seib did not mention that the author of this ax-job on a Democrat was a professional Kennedy-hater, author to two similar books against JFK and Bobby:

"Victor Lasky, best known as the author of the Goldberg book mentioned above, received \$20,000 from Richard Nixon's Committee to Re-elect the President while writing a syndicated column. The \$20,000 deal was a secret until it came out in Watergate testimony. And nine months ~~later~~ then passed before Lasky's syndicated notified editors of it."

All three claimed no conflict of interest. Lasky went even farther, claiming "he had every right to make an undisclosed deal with CRP...earned \$20,000 by writing speeches... CRP connection didn't influence his views, which were pro-Nixon in the first place."

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Nixon always campaigned against the press, regardless of the pro-Nixon bias of its ownership. "It is very important in terms of the final campaign that the media be effectively discredited," he declared <sup>(Parade 2/23/75)</sup> toward the end of the 1972 campaign in which as close as possible to 100% of the press supported him.

Add 2: Actually, Mrs. Braden is a former executive assistant to Rockefeller and the two ~~times~~ borrowings, of \$80,000 and \$50,000, were to buy the later-sold Blade-Tribune, of Oceanside, California, in 1954. Braden sold the paper in 1967 (Parade 12/29/74), the year his subverting of the youth and the foundations for the CIA was exposed. He was simultaneously spook and newspaper owner. Simultaneously a Democrat and a Rockefeller man and Rockefeller beneficiary.