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Art Buchwald. Putnam, \$6.95

President Nixon doubtless was not thinking specifically of columnist Art Buchwald when he reproached those who were "wallowing in Watergate." But at this point in time even Buchwald's most enthusiastic readers may want to turn the criticism against him. Buchwald's new gathering of his daily funny-pieces from the period when Watergate began inundating the media can hardly be read at one, two or three sittings without a sense of overkill-scarcely Buchwald's fault, but a fact nevertheless. The satire touches every base and taken as a whole might provide a hilarious instant history of the Watergate Follies of 1973 for future incredulous generations. Nixon, Agnew, Mitchell, Haldeman, Ehrlichman, Dean, Kissinger, Ford, tapes, transcripts, leaks—the stuffing has long come out of each base and Buchwald, grinning in the sawdust, can't help what time hath wrought. 12 photos. Literary Guild alternate. [October 11]