Gerald R. Ford: Selected Speeches, edited by Michael V. Doyle (R. W. Beatty, \$1.95). Unless he knew something no one else did, this small publisher is the beneficiary of remarkably lucky timing. The speeches, delivered during the last eight years, discuss such topics as inflation "we are successfully fighting inflation"—1970), Vietnam ("I want the United States to succeed in Vietnam"—1967), ecology (he praises Nixon's "leadership" in the field), the credibility gap (Johnson's) and dissent (OK in Russia, "irresponsible" here). He uses less alliteration than Agnew.