BOOK ON RIGHTISTS GETS \$10,000 PRIZE

'Politics of Unreason' Wins First Myrdal Award

The first \$10,000 Gunnar Myrdal Prize, established for books of distinction in the study of human behavior, was awarded yesterday to "The Politics of Unreason," by Seymour Lipset and Earl Raab.

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The book, which presents an analysis of right-wing extremism from 1790 through George Wallace of 1970, will be published Oct. 7 by Harper & Row.

Dr. Lipset is professor of government and social relations at Harvard. Mr. Raab is executive director of the San Francisco Jewish Community Relations Council.

The judges for the prize were Kenneth B. Clark and Robert Coles, both psychologists; Harold Lasswell, a law professor at Yale; Claude Lévi-Strauss, the French social anthropologist; and Dr. Myrdal, the Swedish political economist. The prize includes a citation and an award of \$10,000, of which \$5,000 is an outright grant and the balance an advance against royalties.

Established in 1968 as an annual award to honor Dr. Myrdal, the prize has not been previously given, the judges said, because no book has been considered worthy. The award was set up by Harper & Row to recognize major contributions "to the study of man and man's environment which transcend the limits of any single discipline." Books are eligible for the prize without regard to who publishes them.