

Women men

... of people in the higher
... here is that they
... America. It's a settled con-
... place to find out what's

... middle of this peculiar non-
... campaign, a lot of people
... wondering if America
... not be out of touch
... Washington. Don't
... know what's going
... here or don't they

... any measurable
... this is the most
... corrupt Adminis-
... since Grant's sec-
... term. Both in size and
... It dwarfs the
... comparatively petty scan-
... of the Harding Ad-
... ministration.

... people too cynical
... to react? Do they think
... all politicians are
... so forget it? Don't
... they appreciate the gargantuan
... from the Treasury?
... into thinking that the
... and "efficiency" they've been
... incidental and inevitable.

... its deliberate policy, where-
... people get rich by taking money that
... to them. Now this is done is thoroughly
... and documented by A. Ernest Fitzgerald in a
... "The High Priests of Waste." Fitzgerald
... the civilian Air Force official who was fired
... by Melvin Laird when he told Congress about the
... "Great Plane Robbery," as he calls the C-5A, the huge
... military transport plane whose wings and motors fall
... off.

Fitzgerald estimates that one billion dollars was
"stolen" in the process of developing and manufactur-
ing this worthless aircraft. And that is the big point
about the galloping corruption in Washington. It's no

longer marginal. As men like Fitzgerald point out, the
"heft is so gigantic it is a major inflationary force in
our economy. Not only that, but it is imperiling our
national defense. Missiles that poop out, tanks that
don't fire, helicopters that can't whirl properly, dis-
troyers that are only fit for destroying themselves.
... we're doing what Nixon said he was against.
... are unilaterally disarming, not through policy
... through greed.



MANY PEOPLE HAVE just had to assume for
their sanity's sake that all of this comes about
through the corruption and stupidity of middle-level
bureaucrats, but Fitzgerald shows that, to the contra-
ry, the highest officials authorize overpaying corpora-
tions for work they have not yet done on equipment
that will not work when it is finally made. They know
they are sending our own people to their deaths in
sub-standard equipment, and that's why they fire, de-
vote, silence and isolate the men who have had the
guts and love of country to complain.

Have any of the men in government or industry
responsible for the C-5A, the F-111, the Cheyenne heli-
copter, the DE-1052 destroyer or the rest of the use-
less multi-billion-dollar junk, been put in jail? No,
they've been promoted or their companies have been
given loans and new contracts.

Now you can see why a man like John Connally,
who was so deeply involved in the Lockheed affair, is
panicked at the thought of McGovern's election. Now
you can also see why a Melvin Laird calls McGovern's
proposed cut in military expenditures the white flag of
surrender. So it would look to one who marches under
the green flag of corruption. Under a McGovern budg-
et what would be left for their buddies to steal?



NOR DOES THE CORRUPTION stop at the water's
edge. Another book explains how billions of dol-
lars worth of American equipment, food and supplies
are stolen in Vietnam. ("The Greedy War" by James
Hamilton-Paterson.) Here we learn from the testi-
mony of an American security man that every day in
Phnom Penh there is enough stolen American war ma-
teriel to equip a division. That must explain why the
North Vietnamese hover around the Cambodian cap-
ital without trying to capture it. It's their supply base.

Both at home and abroad the pattern is the same.
The Nixon Administration came into a degenerate
corrupt situation left by the Johnson people and they
built on it. No rascals were thrown out; they at-
tached Democrats for Nixon committees as every-
one joined forces for the great looting and grew more
audacious. That's what's going on in Washington, and
people in the 50 states had better wise up to it or get
ready to pay like they've never paid before.