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JAN 1.8 1976 GAME PLAN FOR DISAS-TER. By Clark R. Mollenhoff. W. W. Norton; 370 pp.; \$9.95.

IF newspapermen only wrote at the time of an event as they do later in now-it-can-be-told books, they would be a lot more famous than they are.

That is the feeling one gets by reading this insider's book on the Nixon years and the build-up of lies and chicanery that led to his political demise.

Mollenhoff is that big man who used to bellow at press conferences to get Nixon's attention. He voted for Nixon and later joined his administration as special counsel, only to quit later in frustration as he saw the ship beginning to leak.

It is interesting reading even though there are so many Nixon years books.