

it comes to anecdotes about VIPs. Lyndon Johnson, then Vice President of the United States, on an early visit to Berlin persuaded Mayor Brandt, whose shoes he admired, to take him shopping on a Saturday night long after closing time. LBJ bought two pairs of each style he liked, Brandt reports, because his feet differed in size.

A PRISONER AND A PRISONER

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After the bloody 1971 prison riot at Attica, N.Y., a surge of media interest in prisoners and their plight led to ideological polemics among both journalists and sociologists. *New Yorker* writer Susan Sheehan, already widely known for her *Welfare Mother* (1976), destroys the clichés—brutal guards, innocent convicts—as she coolly examines life in New York's Green Haven maximum security prison, and, in particular, the comfortable existence of robber George ("Popeye") Malinow, 57, who has been "in and out" for 40 years. Without moralizing, Sheehan makes it clear that institutional "rehabilitation" of criminals is a costly illusion. Moreover, she suggests, the American system of justice makes it fairly easy for convicted murderers and thieves to resume their old ways.

THE TEAMSTERS

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Oddly enough, despite its continuing power and economic importance, the American labor movement has lately received little serious attention from either newsmen or academics. Lawyer-journalist Steven Brill's detailed portrait of the scandal-ridden 2.3 million-member International Brotherhood of Teamsters cannot fill the gap. But even as he traces the various corruptions, vacillations, and intrigues of Jimmy Hoffa, David Beck, Harold Gibbons, Anthony (Tony Pro) Provenzano, and the other Teamster chieftains, Brill does not overlook the workers' everyday lives or the Teamsters' hard-won gains in wages and benefits in a tough industry. In the end, he says, the Teamsters have produced "some good deeds, some bad deeds, and . . . a sad bottom line that it could have been much better."