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David Stebenne : Arthur J. Goldberg: New Deal Liberal before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Arthur J. Goldberg: New Deal Liberal:

This book is the first biography ever written of Arthur J. Goldberg, the former labor lawyer, Secretary of Labor under Kennedy, and Supreme Court justice (which post he resigned at the request of Lyndon Johnson to become U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations), who played a leading role in American political life from World War II until the end of the 1960s. Goldberg, who never wrote memoirs himself, shared his thoughts about his life and work with Stebenne in a series of conversations, which took place occasionally from the fall of 1981 through to Goldberg's death in 1990. He also allowed Stebenne access to his papers, including those held under seal in presidential libraries and at the Library of Congress. Based upon these unique sources and written to be accessible to a wide audience, Arthur J. Goldberg is both the story of a leading American liberal and a history of modern American liberalism.

.com Arthur Goldberg is perhaps best known as the Supreme Court Justice who, at the behest of President Lyndon Johnson, stepped aside to become Ambassador to the United Nations so that Johnson could appoint his pal Abe Fortas to the high court. David Stebenne's political biography, however, focuses on the period from 1948 to 1961, a time when organized labor's power and prosperity were at their peak and Goldberg was general counsel for the United Steelworkers of America. Stebenne sees, even in those years, the beginning of big labor's decline and the end of the postwar New Deal consensus. From Library Journal A prototypical New Deal liberal, Goldberg rose through the ranks of organized labor to become Secretary of Labor, Supreme Court justice, and U.S. ambassador to the UN. Stebenne has intentionally limited his scope to concentrate on Goldberg's work as chief counsel to the CIO (and later the AFL-CIO) in the years following World War II. The result is a comprehensive portrait of the U.S. labor movement during the period, but it does not make for a good biography. We learn that Goldberg was an excellent negotiator and a man of integrity, but we don't really get to know the person. Not only are Goldberg's background and life not discussed, but his important work on the Supreme Court and in the UN are given short shrift. Not recommended as biography, but students of U.S. labor might profit. Gary Williams, Southeastern Ohio Regional Lib., Caldwell Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. "Stebenne's diligently researched study is the best work to date on this prominent American public servant."--Choice "An absorbing, scholarly biography of an undeservedly neglected legal thinker....An illuminating look at a fascinating figure in 20th-century politics."--Kirkus s "Former Labor Secretary Willard Wirtz described Arthur J. Goldberg as 'perpetual energy in constant motion leading to endless achievement.' This book provides an interesting, comprehensive account of that achievement--and far more. Professor Stebenne in writing of Justice Goldberg has given us the history of the American labor movement, from World War II through Viet Nam. He tells a fascinating story. His analysis illuminates contemporary political, as well as economic, circumstance. Those interested in American government, labor relations, or history, will find his book a valuable contribution."--Associate Justice Stephen G. Breyer, United States Supreme Court "David Stebenne's study of Arthur Goldberg is both a superb biography of a major figure in the postwar labor world, and a challenging reinterpretation of modern American political economy. It is an important contribution to the burgeoning scholarship on recent American history."--Alan Brinkley, Columbia University "A valuable source for students of labor history."--Publishers Weekly