

BOOKS RECEIVED

Bruce Benderson, *The United Nations of Times Square* (Red Dust Inc., P.O. Box 630, New York, N. Y. 10028 USA).

"Damn! Just when I thought it was safe to join the mighty hordes who dismiss post-modernism as a cruel joke that avant-garde artists have imposed on themselves, I run into a tiny 8 page masterpiece called *The United Nations of Times Square*. Red Dust's pricetag (\$3.00) seemed laughable at first. But, when I read the book I had to admit it contained more exciting writing than can usually be found in entire novels by authors who get more written about them in *New York Times* book reviews than Benderson offers in the whole of *United Nations*.

Summarizing the contents would be both impossible and misleading. More to the point is Benderson's sophisticated manipulation of graphology and different narrative voices. As you move through the text you are forced to abandon intellectual analysis and accept intuitive associative processes as the key to comprehension. Not a word is wasted along the way, and the text re-reads so well that you can spend as much time with it as you would with a 300 page novel — without the \$23.95 cash outlay *or* the frustration of wading through so many wasted words." —Jim Francis *RAMPIKE 1987*