

WHEN a publisher's blurb claims that a book is 'Certain to send shockwaves throughout America', I reach for my dictionary of clichés, writes *PETER MULLEN*.

Here, in *Double Cross: The Story of the Man Who Controlled America*, by Sam and Chuck Giancana (Macdonald, £16.99) — are all the clichés in the chronicle of the late Chicago Mafia Godfather: The CIA, Cuba, The Vatican, Marilyn, JFK, Ferdinand Marcos and the Shah of Iran. Still, it's a good read — if you can dodge the bullets and the purple prose.