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ONE FOR THE DEVIL, by Etienne Leroux (Wah Allen, 25s). This curious and compelling novel, which has been translated from the original Africaans and is the first of a trilogy, is set in the once-opulent South African estate of Welgevonden, which has become a foundation dedicated to a model social order. It is in the seemingly ordered community that a corpse is found floating in a pool. A girl has been the victim of a sex murder. The crime remains unsolved until the group themselves focus the guilt on the enclave's most vulnerable member, a mentally retarded vouth.