

*“I would punch and kick and scream
For those of you who were hurt.
I would vote for your rights.
I cry for you, you brave Americans.
Tell me what I can do. ”*



‘1968’ - Part II

Anger

"I knew those 12' months well... I was sixteen years old, attending a military school and was extremely interested in what was going on around me."

I Never Feared for My Life...

...I think it must be like a soldier in a war zone. Your adrenaline is so high that you're not thinking those thoughts. I'm being clubbed and slugged: I was gassed.

The gassing seemed perpetual. The officers seemed to be just wantonly beating people. It was without boundaries.

I was arrested twice in two days. I don't know if my body or lungs could withstand it today. When you're young, the body seems to want to survive."

"Tom Hayden, most recently, wrote, advocated and then addressed the U.S. Congressional hearings on exiting Iraq."

<http://www.tomhayden.com/>



Tom Hayden (Above & Below) and Jane Fonda (above) being interviewed after their return from Communist North Vietnam.

Jane Fonda tells the world press that the American Prisoners of War were being well treated and not tortured.

Which we now know, was a total fabrication. Hence the nickname 'Hanoi Jane.' In trying to end the war, she actually help-ed to prolong it.

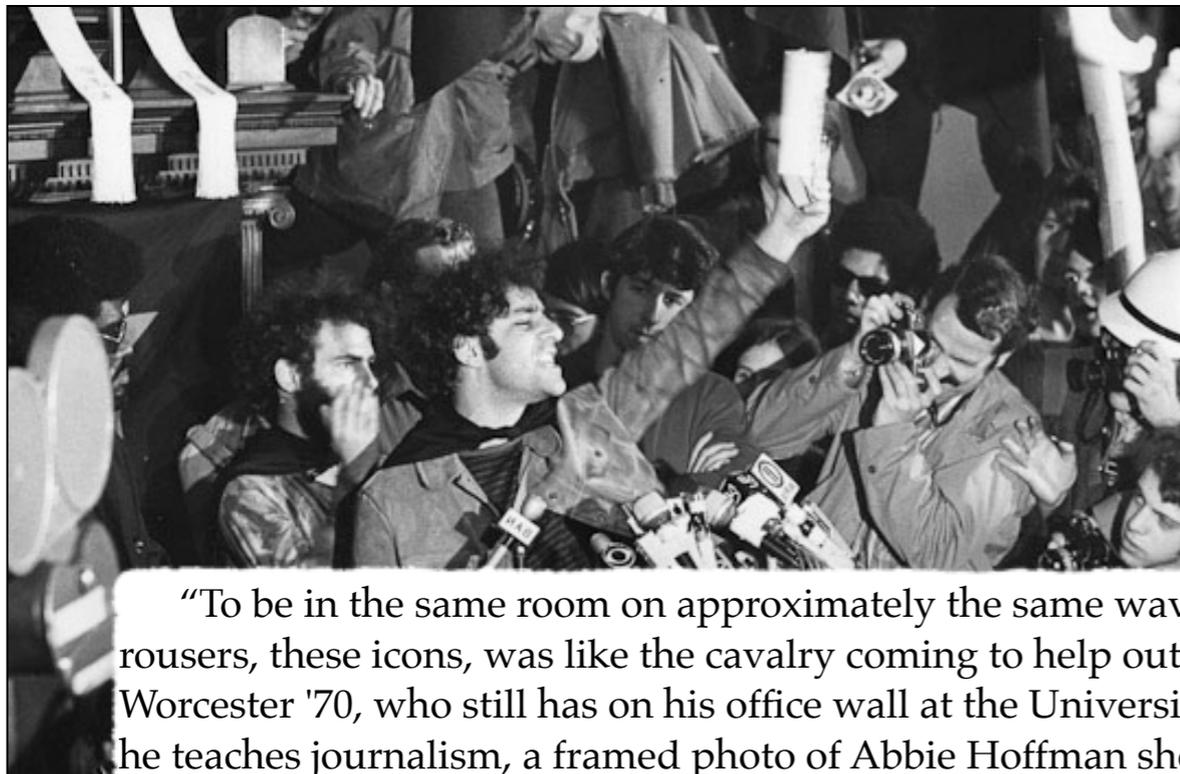


“People coming to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago should begin preparations for five days of high energy exchanges (if you know what I mean).”

- ABBIE HOFFMAN (RIGHT) – ‘REVOLUTION.’

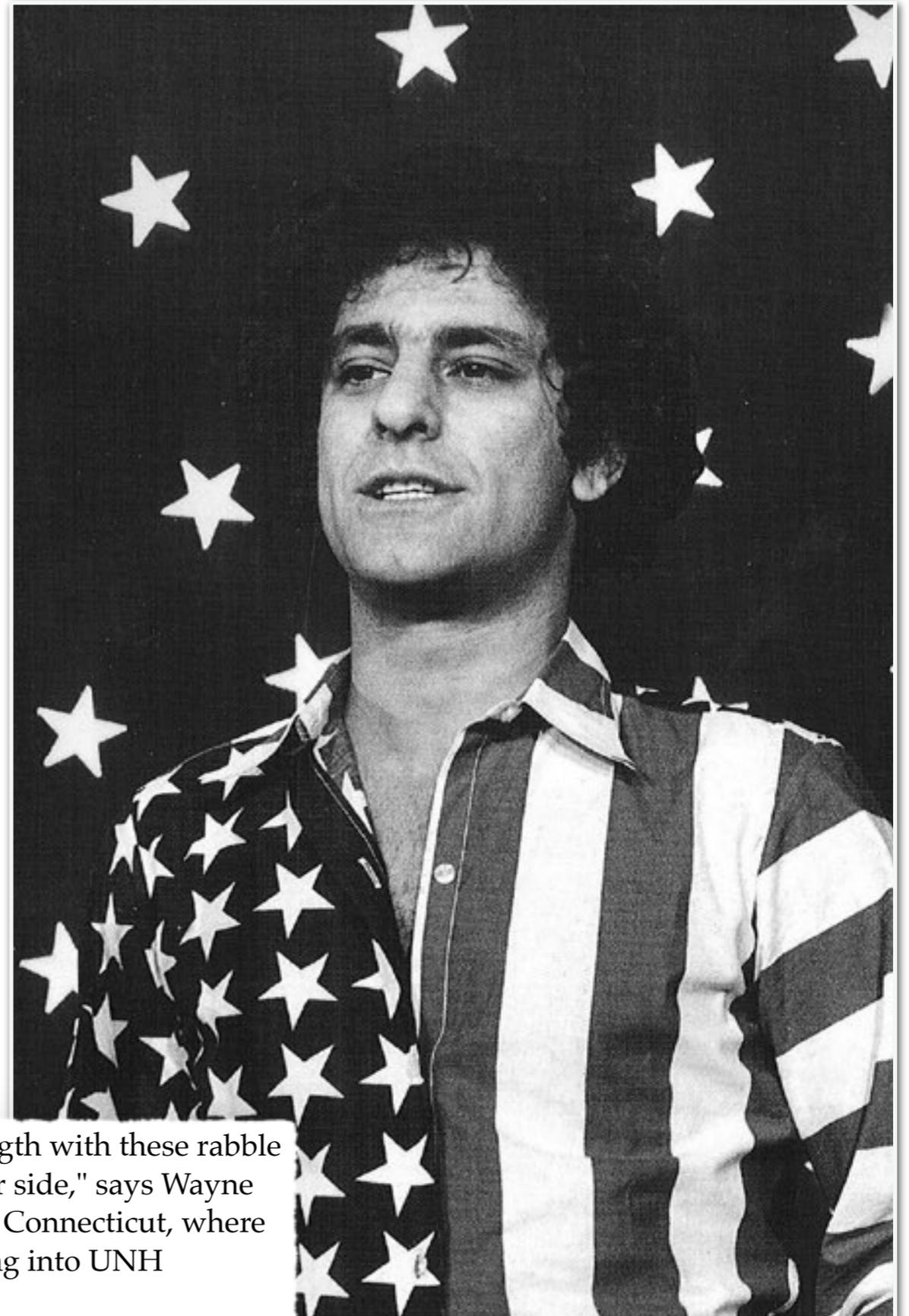
Abbie Hoffman

“Media is The Weapon - Media is Everything”



“To be in the same room on approximately the same wavelength with these rabble rousers, these icons, was like the cavalry coming to help out your side,” says Wayne Worcester '70, who still has on his office wall at the University of Connecticut, where he teaches journalism, a framed photo of Abbie Hoffman shouting into UNH microphones.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abbie_Hoffman

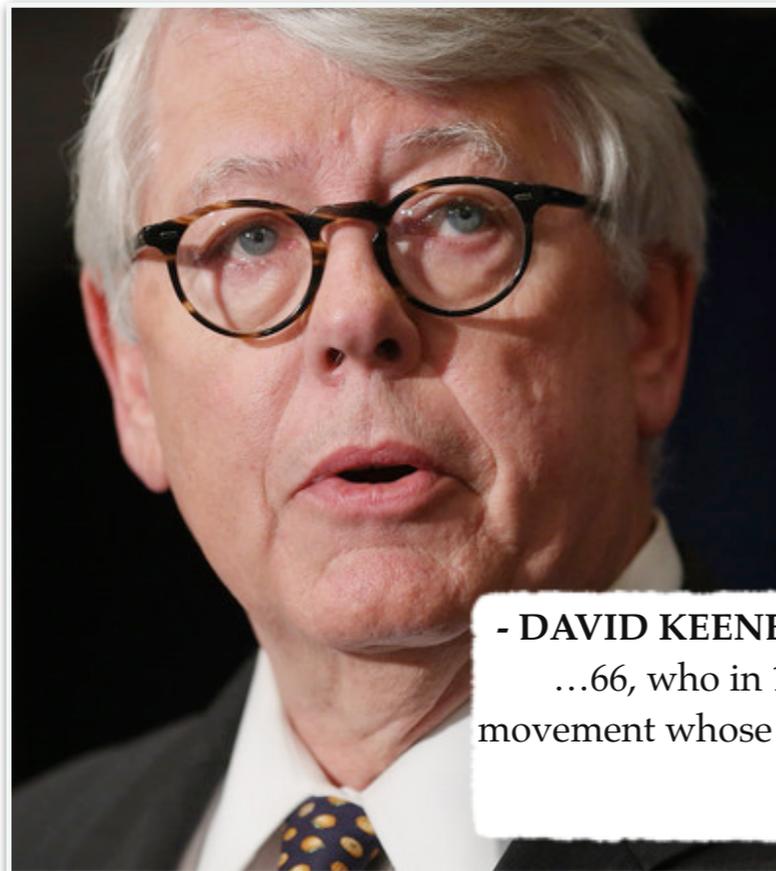


“Now, it’s 1973. Exactly. And my favorite professor tipped back in his chair, his arms folded across his chest. So much changed in the sixties, the war, the rights of women, civil rights, the vote, protest against the war. On and on.

I was getting my Ph.D. in Chicago... but that time was upheaval with a purpose. Now, today, and sadly, we’ve drawn back into our shells, wondering what we have done and what do we believe? And is there any purpose to our lives?”

Susan Richards Shreve

I Was a Law Student...



- DAVID KEENE...

...66, who in 1968 was the soon-to-be-chairman of the Young Americans for Freedom, a movement whose conservative activists would help usher in the Reagan Era

<http://www.conservative.org/pressroom/speakers/keene.asp>

...at the University of Wisconsin and the editor of the first student conservative journal, and so I had credentials from the *National Review* to cover the Democratic Convention in Chicago.

One night I was going under a police barricade and managed to rip my trousers. So I sent someone to get safety pins, and as I was waiting, the police came around the corner and the kids came out of the park.

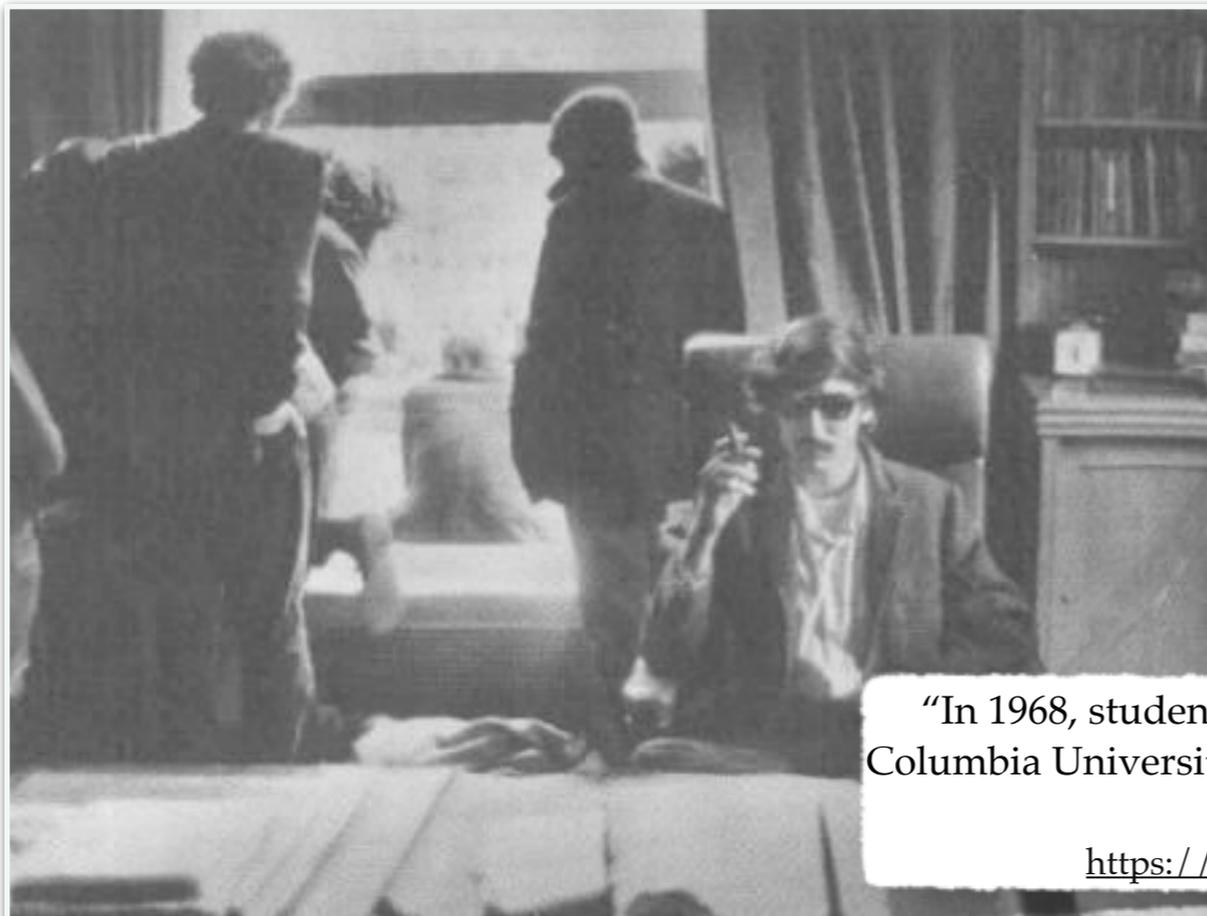
I was right in the middle when it hit. I certainly didn’t like these people’s ideas, but watching all that was upsetting. We knew from a political standpoint that they were committing suicide.

We knew that our movement would benefit from everything that was going on. We didn’t know how fast it would happen, but we had a sense that things were going to be moving in our direction, and moving relatively quickly.”

“Our young people, in disturbingly large numbers, appear to be rejecting all forms of authority...”

- GRAYSON KIRK, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT, TWO WEEKS BEFORE A STUDENT TAKEOVER OF THE SCHOOL

Confrontation at Columbia U.



“In 1968, student radicals take over the administration building at Columbia University.”

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Columbia_University_protests_of_1968

“The Columbia University protests of 1968 were among the many student demonstrations that occurred across the U.S. in that year.

The Columbia protests erupted over the spring of that year after students discovered links between the university and the institutional apparatus supporting the United States' involvement in the Vietnam War, as well as their concern over an allegedly segregatory gymnasium to be constructed in the nearby Morningside Park.

The protests resulted in the student occupation of many university buildings and the eventual extremely violent removal of protesters by the New York City Police Department.”

“Massive parades to protest Vietnam policy are held in New York City... the police estimated that 100,000 to 125,000 people listened to speeches by Martin Luther King, Jr., Floyd McKissick, Stokely Carmichael and Dr. Benjamin Spock. Prior to the march, nearly 200 draft cards were burned by youths in Central Park.”

New York City - 1968



- CHARLES SIMIC...

...73, Poet, translator, professor emeritus, 15th poet laureate of the United States.

<http://poets.org/poet.php/prmPID/27>

“I REMEMBER STANDING on Seventh Avenue and Sheridan Square in New York City when an antiwar demonstration came down the street.

Huge, passionate crowd. I grew up in Belgrade during World War II, with bombs dropping, then the aftermath. I’d never seen anything like this: the freedom of being angry, being out in the streets and saying so – and nobody shoots you.

Back then, it mattered. We saw the Vietnam War foot-age on TV every night – black and white, color, graphic, and frightening.

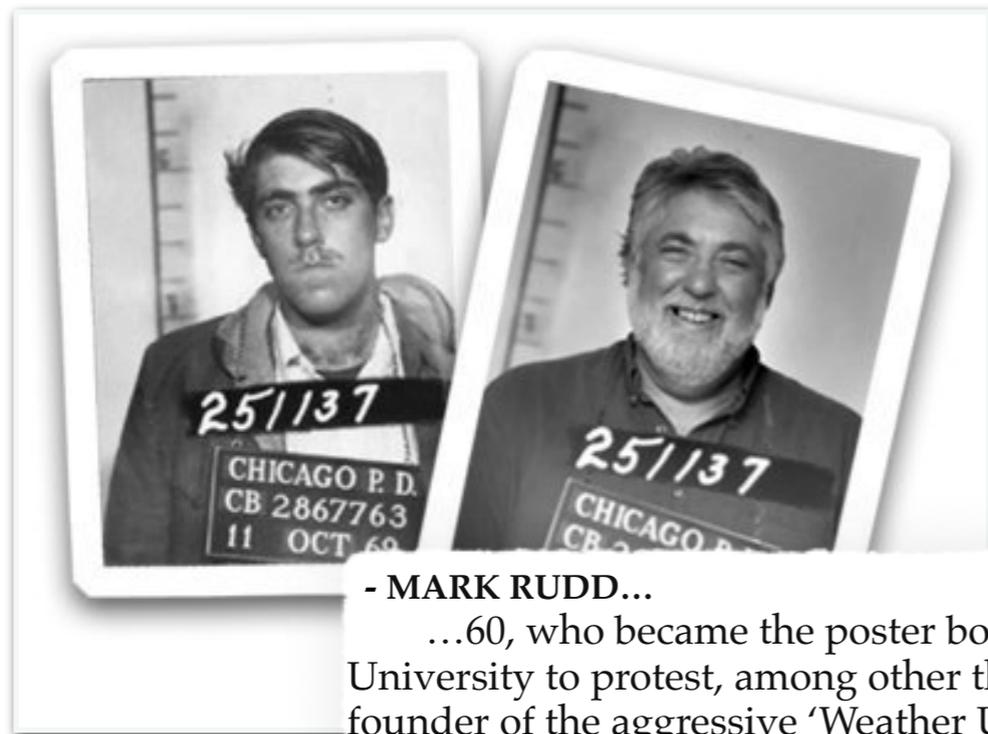
Helicopters, gunships, shooting each other down, hundreds of small figures running, some in black pajamas.

They were hit, then they fell. You knew you were seeing people dying. We don’t really see what happened in Iraq. But... just because the truth is hidden, doesn’t mean that it vanishes – it just comes back later on.

And we all pay for it.”

“I think that part of the Weatherman phenomenon that was right... was our understanding of what the position of the United States was in the world. It was this knowledge that we just couldn't handle; it was too big. We didn't know what to do. In a way I still don't know what to do with this knowledge. I don't know what needs to be done now, and it's still eating away at me just as it did 40 years ago.”

**“I Cherished My Hate...
It was A Badge of Moral Superiority.”**



- MARK RUDD...

...60, who became the poster boy of student rebellion when he led the eight-day occupation of Columbia University to protest, among other things, the school's relationship with the defense industry. He was also co-founder of the aggressive 'Weather Underground' movement. He now teaches at New Mexico Junior College.

<http://www.markrudd.com/>



“Our nation is moving toward two societies, one black, one white – separate and unequal...”

- FROM A REPORT OF THE KERNER COMMISSION
CREATED BY PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON
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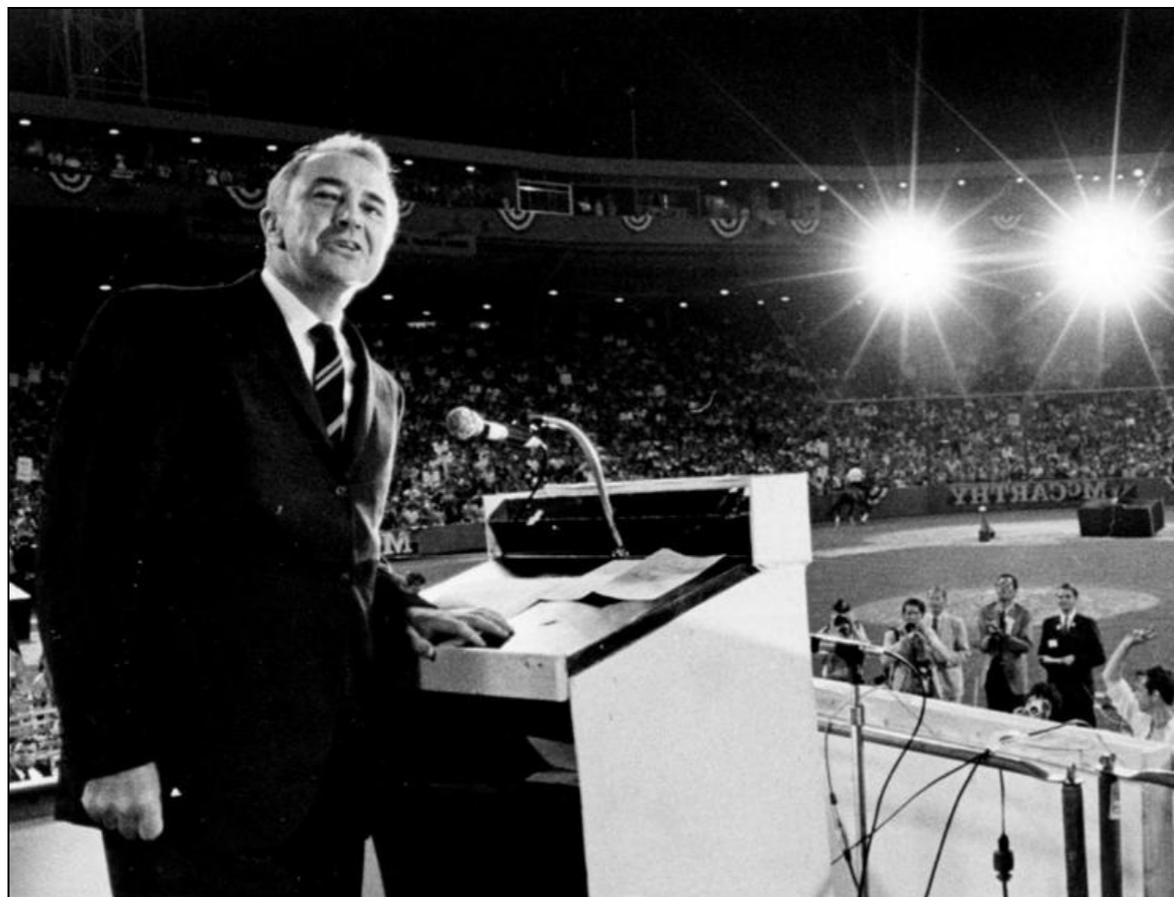
- JEREMY LARNER (below)...

... 71, journalist and novelist whose screenplay 'The Candidate' received an Academy Award in 1973.

<https://youtu.be/UiETSG40DfA>



“If you’re a writer, you want to get your soul out there, where people can look at it.”



“I WAS SCRAPING OUT A LIVING and had two children, and all of a sudden I was traveling all over the country as a speech-writer for [presidential hopeful] Eugene McCarthy (Left).

He was a reserved, thoughtful, ironic man, and he regarded people who got excited about too many things as fools, which would have included me and many of his followers.

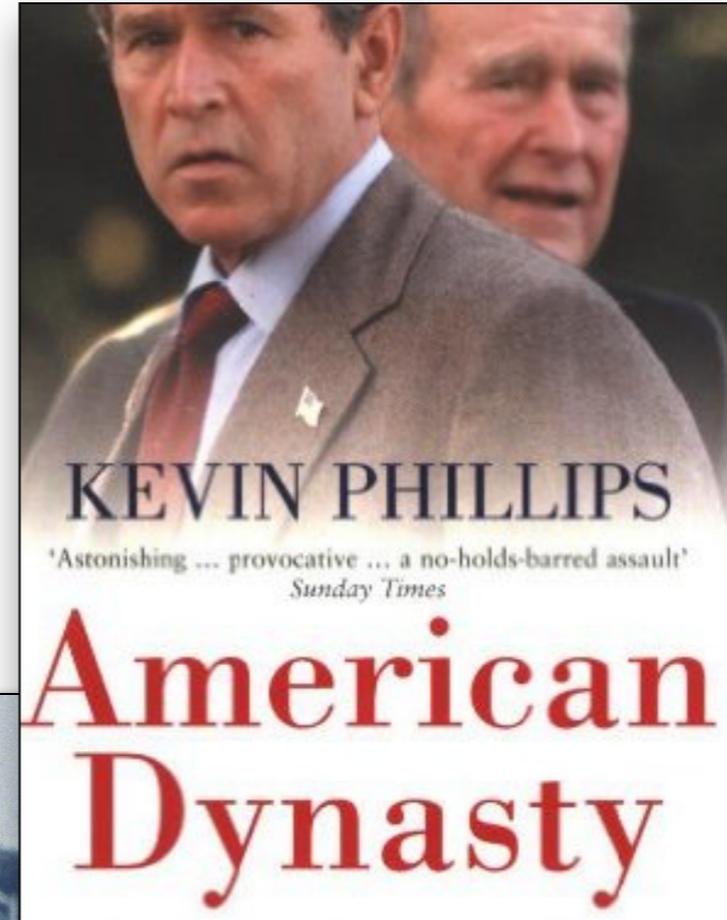
He was the opposite of the pandering politician. He just wanted to put the issue of the Vietnam War before the people. You had the feeling that you were helping to save the country. I think, as it turned out, that might have been exaggerated, but we were certainly making history.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eugene_McCarthy_presidential_campaign,_1968



- KEVIN PHILLIPS...
 ...70, was a senior strategist for Nixon's presidential campaign and developer of the controversial "Southern Strategy," which pushed the Republican Party to develop its base among conservative whites in the Sunbelt, bringing about a historic electoral realignment: a bestselling author, he is now one other party's harshest critics.

The Election of Richard Nixon



“THE GREATEST MOMENT of that year was sometime around 1:30 or 2:00 on the morning that was technically after the election, when it was clear that Richard Nixon won, and I was free to exhale.”

- Kevin Phillips

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_presidential_election,_1968

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