

## Chapter 20 Notes

**Ron Kovic** – **Born on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July**. **Pop Art** – common objects treated as aesthetic objects. **J. John's 3 Flags**  
**S. Halpern** – **I Am a Verteran of Vietnam** – poem **R. Bear** – **Wadasa Nakamooon, Vietnam Memorial** – poem  
**Charles Daniel** – soldier inside US embassy when under attack during **Tet Offensive** on the **Vietnamese New Year**  
**Ho Chi Minh** – declares independence from **France** in **Ba Dinh Square** in **Hanoi**. Took words from US declaration  
**Doc Lap** – Independence French wanted resources, **national liberation** – free country from foreign control  
French attacked **Haiphong**, Ho used **guerilla warfare**, US support France, **containment** – stop communism  
Ho called the Vietminh tigers, French elephants. **Elephants will die of exhaustion and loss of blood**  
**Vietminh** - Ho's forces. **Dien Bien Phu** – French outpost in NW Vietnam, major French defeat, **out of war**  
**Geneva Accords** – Soviet, Britain, France, China, SE Asia – divided at **17<sup>th</sup> parallel**, Vietminh North, France South  
Vietnam reunified after elections, but they never happened. US afraid Ho Chi Minh will win, didn't sign agreement  
**Domino Theory** – **Eisenhower** – if S. Vietnam fell to communism, SE Asia will follow  
**Diem** – anticommunist, US support, didn't help peasants, cancelled elections, **referendum** – showed 98% support, rig  
**National Liberation Front** – people opposed to Diem. Known as the **Vietcong**, in S. Vietnam. Cn and Soviets helped  
**Kennedy** – **Vietnam is the cornerstone of the free world in SE Asia**. Fund Vietnam to improve S. Vietnam soldiers  
Gov troops fired on protesters at **Hue**, **Buhhdist** monks set themselves on fire. **Diem killed, Kennedy 3 weeks later**  
**Mekong River Delta** – rice bown for all of SE Asia. **Johnson didn't want to be the one to lose SE Asia like China**  
**Johnson** - **Ran against Barry Goldwater in 64**, same team that guided Kennedy's foreign policies  
**Sec of St. Rusk, Sec of Defense McNamara, National Security Adviser Bundy** – architects of the war in Vietnam  
**Gulf of Tonkin Resolution** – Johnson said N. Vietnamese attacked two destroyers in the **Gulf of Tonkin**,  
They were unprovoked, **"it was like grandma's nightshirt – it covered everything"**. Widened the war  
**Later revealed that the two ships were really helping. S. Vietnamese commandos raid 2 islands**  
**Operation Rolling Thunder** – bombing raid, after Vietcong attacked US base at **Pleiku**  
**Ho Chi Minh Trail** – network of dirt roads/trails where supplies went from N – S Vietnam. Bombed it.  
General Thieu takes over, not popular, Johnson sends troops. 1<sup>st</sup> US troops at **Da Nang**, defend the air base there  
**G. Westmoreland** – commander of US forces in Vietnam. People optimistic at first, then frustration.  
**Philip Caputo** – **A Rumor of War** - We march into the rice paddies, carried the conviction Vietcong will be beaten  
**Ho Chi Minh** – you can kill 10 of my men for every one I kill of yours, but even at those odds, you will lose, I will win  
**Larry Burrows** – US photographer. **J. Purdie** – soldier injured in a fire. **B-52's bombed everything in the air**  
Vietcong dug tunnels to get around the bombing. Used **Agent Orange** and **Napalm**, both **defoliants**.  
Ground troops on **Search and Destroy** missions. **Out There** – humid wilderness of Vietnam  
**Bouncing Betty** – leaped out of the ground, then explodes. Enemy was everywhere, no where, avoided large battles  
**Pacification** – destroy villages so they can't help Vietcong. Created new enemy, tried to help other peasants with life  
**Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (MASH)** – mobile hospitals. **Sidisin** – worker, Vietnam isn't **Wayne**, it's disaster  
**Average age was 19, WWII was 26, David Ross** – 19 year old, medic, wrote **Everything We Had**  
**Rainbow** – symbol of optimism. **Cloth Patches** – peace, equality, better world. **Ecology Flag** for the 1<sup>st</sup> Earth Day  
**Suppose they gave a war and nobody came** – popular antiwar slogan. **Raised fist** – symbol of black power  
**Keep on Truckin** – character by R. Crumb, symbol of independence, free attitude, perseverance  
**Soul on Ice** – **Eldridge Cleaver** – required reading. **Baez** – new generation folk singer, antiwar/civil rights activist  
**Dr. Innes** – **Exotic Aquarium Fishes** – a Classic Manual, \$5.95. **Whole Earth Catalog** – the everything handbook  
**Conservative Backlash** – upheavals caused this. Divine Right's Trip – original folktale. Appeared in Whole Earth Catalog

### Section 20-2

**G. Westmoreland** tells **National Press Club** that "I'm certain that...in 1965 the enemy is winning, today he is losing"  
**Tet Offensive** – turning point. Attack on New Years Day, had to fight for 3 weeks to retake **Hue**. **Ben Tre** – destroy to save it  
**Westmoreland** - Tet was a good thing, but **Cronkite** of CBS disagreed, **Johnson** – If I lost Cronkite, I lost the average Citizen  
**Cronkite** stated the only way is to negotiate. Media brought back the horror, showed a Police Chief shoot a Vietcong  
**"Hey Hey, LBJ, How many Kids did you kill today?"** – Slogan for antiwar protesters. Approval ratings dipped greatly  
McCarthy and Robert Kennedy went against LBJ, LBJ drops out, Kennedy killed, McCarthy loses to Nixon  
Democratic house divided. Those who wanted war went for **McCarthy**, those who didn't went for **Kennedy**  
McCarthy at first was antiwar, had success in New Hampsire, **Kennedy promised extended New Frontier**, appealed to poor  
**Westmoreland/Joint Shiefs of Staff** – requested 206,000 more troops to respond to Tet, Johnson refuses  
**Clark Clifford** – new Sec of Defense, recommendation, didn't recommend more troops. Johnson agreed, stooped escalation  
**Doris Kearns** – biographer – **Lyndon Johnson and the American Dream** – Let Kennedy take over in brother's name  
**McCarthy** sweeps **Wisconsin Democratic Primaries**, King killed in Memphis, riots afterwards, most were King's followers  
Three people for democrats. Kennedy, McCarthy, and VP Humphrey. Humphrey support Johnson, supported war  
Avoided primaries, went for the bosses. McCarthy waged war VS social injustice and war  
**Stone** – **He has wit, charm, and grace, but he seems to lack heart and guts**. Kennedy goes after the poor people

Won primaries in **Indiana** and **Nebraska**, **takes CA**, gives him decisive edge, **shot at Los Angeles hotel**  
**Humphrey/Muskie** gets votes at Democratic Convention, antiwar protesters attacked by cops, turned country towards Repubs  
**Mailer** – writer, convention of the clean, the brisk, the orderly, the efficient. Nominated **Nixon**. Dropped politics 6 years ago  
**You won't have Nixon to kick around anymore**. Ran with **Agnew**, “**Did we come all this way for this?**”  
Attacked Great Society, quit pouring billions or \$ into failed programs. Promised **Peace with Honor** for war vets  
**G. Wallace** – AL gov, Independence Party, pro segregation, attacked higher classes, appealed to blue collar workers  
Doom when he chose **Curtis Lemay**, retired air force gen, who wanted to nuke Vietnam  
**Nixon's the One** – Nixon's campaign slogan. **Humphrey** was beaten keeping to Johnson's war policies, changed at the end  
Almost came back, Nixon won by 1 % popular vote. **New Deal Coalition** destroyed by War and Civil Rights  
**E. G. Wheeler** – chairman, **Joint Chiefs of Staff**. He/Westmoreland asked John for 206,000 more troops, denied later  
**Hawks** – People that were for the war. Tet was a desperation move, saw it as a chance to end it.  
**Doves** – people that were against the war. Saw it as a nightly television horror show.  
Johnson asks **Sec of Defense Clifford** to study/advise. **Clifford Task Force** – Clifford and his 9 man team, **hawkish**  
**Wheeler** – part of Clifford Task Force, wanted more troops. **Westmoreland** – wanted more troops  
**Enthoven** – **Assistant Sec of Defense** – more troops won't work. **McPherson** – **White House speech writer** – forget the war  
Johnson calls Clifford to his personal quarters, Clifford ready to resign if he supports war, recommended to send a few men  
**14 Wise Men** – Sec of St under Truman Acheson, WWII commander Bradley, senator Lodge, ambassador Goldberg, advisors  
Most agreed change was needed, Johnson supports Clifford. Showed that Johnson wanted peace. 1<sup>st</sup> time he denied **West**.

### Chapter 20-3

**Mario Savio** – from Berkeley, want make history. Founded **Free Speech Movement (FSM)** - protest political recruitment ban  
**Sproul Hall** – administrative building, rally outside, **Baez** sang We Shall Overcome. Sitin inside, police arrested 800  
Thought universities were like factories, students off the assembly line, **Silent Generation** – the people of the 50's  
Baby Boom after WWII, more in college, mostly middle – upper class. People joined Peace Corps, VISTA, civil rights mm.  
**MI Freedom Summer Project** – 1000 whites, saw the racism in the south. **New Left** – radical group  
Most weren't radical, planned for life after college. **Students for a Democratic Society** – core of **New Left**, BIG change  
**An Agenda for a Generation** – **Port Huron**, MI, by **Hayden**, from U of MI, individuals powerless  
Later known as **Port Huron Statement**, awakening of student movement. Wanted power to individuals.  
**Antiwar Movement** – attempt to stop the war. Triggered by **Operation Rolling Thunder**. Marched to WA  
**Collins** – sang **Dylan's The Times They Are a changing** at WA monument. **Teach In's at MI**., debated the war  
**Draft** – system of selecting people for war. Many given **deferments** – postponements of military service  
Non-College twice as likely as college, 18% of African Americans in army, 10% of pop. Unfair to the poor  
**Conscientious objectors** – claiming moral/religious belief prevents them from fighting the war.  
Others refused to register, denied the draft, disrupted ROTC courses, went to jail, formed groups to prevent from fighting  
**Dave Wyatt** – burned his **draft card** at U of WA to protest against **Dow Chemicals**, **made napalm for the military**  
**Women Strike for Peace** – middle class wives, stormed **Pentagon** to see the Generals. Pounded on door, McNamara let in  
**From Protest to Resistance** – SDS rallying cry. Marched on the Pentagon, burned cards, not people, many arrested/beaten  
**Sen Fulbright** turned against war, **King** never supported it. Tet Offensive changed the minds of many.  
**Columbia U in NYC** – linked civil rights and Vietnam. Peaceful march to protest university military research, and the building of a gym over a park in **Harlem**. Led by **SDS/Student's Afro-American society**, took over 5 buildings, police intervened  
Satellite tech allowed war to be transmitted home, no censorship. After Tet, press began showing negatives to stop the war  
**Cronkite** – went to **Saigon**, raised questions. Brought home **My Lai**, Americans killed harmless villagers  
**Lieut Calley** – head of My Lai attack, court martial, sentenced to life in jail, but released cuz following “direct order”  
**Silent Majority** – the people who didn't protest, no radicals **Brown** – artists who felt lament for those who died in Vietnam  
Nixon wanted to bring troops home to “**vietnamize**” the war – brought home **3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade**. Meanwhile, more protests  
Ordered the invasion of Cambodia, set of more protests, **Kent State** attacked ROTC building, **National Guard used teargas**  
Some didn't leave, group of National Guardsmen went to top of hill and opened fire, unwarranted/inexcusable  
Killed 4 people, was ROTC student, 2 were going to lunch.  
**Jackson State** – **all black college**, MI, people attacked downtown, cops, nation guard, opened fire, 2 students dead, bystanders  
CIA spied on American citizens even though it was illegal, FBI rigged feuds, eventually fell apart  
**Columbia University Erupts** – mad about war and the building of a gym over a park. **Rudd** – chairman of **Columbia SDS**  
**Dr. Wilson** – Pres of National Council on Education. Ship Independence sails, painted orange, yellow, red sun with eyes  
**Sec General U Thant** called for end of **apartheid** in **S Africa** at **International Conference on human Rights in Iran**