

Chapter 21 Notes

Nixon was 1st president to resign. Vice Pres. G. Ford sworn in. Julie – Nixon's daughter. **Atkins** – White House Photographer

New York City Protest, also known as **Wall Street Riots**– construction works (Pro-war) VS peaceful demonstrators (Anti-War)

Pro-War – “USA All the Way, We're Number 1. Many wore hats that said “For God and Country”

Kelly – worker, joined the fight. Opposed **“Flag Burning Radicals”** that opposed the war, **liked Nixon**

Hat became symbol of American Values, **Nixon was given a hat with “Commander in Chief” on it**

The country was divided. War, riots, the deaths of ML King Jr. and Kennedy, violence at Democratic Convention,

Weather Underground - a militant part of **SDS** – Smashed Chicago's windows, “Long Live the victory of the people's war”

Conservative Backlash – a sudden reaction against the liberalism of the 1960's – caused by all the turmoil.

Middle Class felt that protests were against American Values. Blamed **LBJ** and **Warren Court** for the liberalism

Resented paying taxes to support programs that benefit only poor and minorities. **They were the forgotten men**

Nixon's Silent Majority –those who did not protest, working, middle class Americans. **The unblack, the unyoung, and the unpoor**

Seemed to share silent majority interests. Wanted to stop the liberalism, end the war, and end **LBJ's “Welfare Mess”**

Addressed two factors – resentment of the government, fear or social disorder. But, with democrat Congress, it was hard

In his 1st term, accepted liberal programs, social security, Job Corps, low cost housing, voting age to 18, EPA, OSHA

New Federalism– a series of programs that would reverse the flow of power and resources back to the people

Established program where fed gov gave tax \$ to states, hoped they would use money for law enforcement and civic projects

Family Assistance Plan (EAP) – Gave families a minimum income. Proposed 1600/year, but had to sign up for job training

Conservatives thought that it would increase the number of recipients

House passed

Liberals felt the payments were too low and that job training prepared people for low pay jobs.

Died in Senate

Abolished Office of Economic Opportunity – a cornerstone of Johnson's anti poverty program in 1973

Impounding – refusing the spend. When federal programs that he didn't like wanted funding, he impounded the funds

John Mitchell – Nixon's Attorney General, archconservative. This country's going so far right you won't recognize it

Strengthened police, but sacrificed civil liberties. Supported use of wiretaps w/o a court order and holding suspects w/o bail

Used IRS to harass enemies by auditing them, FBI tapped phones and broke into offices looking for data to embarrass them

FBI joined SDES and black militant groups like Black Panthers and purposely caused discontent/violence

Phillips – **The Emergence of a Republican Majority** –White southerners, suburbanites, blue collar workers tired of liberals

They were ready to leave Democrats and join Nixon. Many Conservatives in **Sun Belt** – South, Texas, CA, NM, OK, AZ.

Some southerners joined the conservative Wallace. Adopted a **Southern Strategy**. Supported segregation

Dept. of Health, Education, and Welfare – delayed integration plans in South, denounced busing to force integration

Opposed extension of **Voting Rights Act of 65**, but Congress passed. When **Warren** left, nominated **Burger** in his place\

Later appointed **Haynsworth**. Senate rejected his appointment. Nixon tried **Carswell**, rejected again.

Accused Senate of discriminating against the South. . Appointed **Blackmun, Powell, Rehnquist**, approved

VP Agnew attack liberals. **Democrats**-sniveling hand-wringers. **Media Executives**–curled lip boys in Eastern Ivory Towers

Chapter 21-2

March to **White House** from **Arlington National Cemetery**. Carried candle/placard with name of US Soldier. **Judy Droz** was 1st

A Bone in the Nation's Throat – Vietnam by one of Nixon's Aides. **Vietnamization** – train S. Korea soldier to replace US soldiers

The Nixon Doctrine – the US will not militarily intervene in Asia to prevent spread of communism. Provide only weapons/money

Paris Peace Talks – US, Thieu government, N. Vietnam, Vietcong. US wanted Thieu in power, N. Vietnam wanted Vietcong

Sent **National Security Advisor Kissinger, later Sec of State**, negotiate secretly with N. Viet foreign minister **Le Duc Tho**

The Secret War – ordered secret bombings of Ho Chi Minh Trail in Laos, Cambodia, N. Vietnam.

Halderman – The Ends of Power – one of Nixon's aides

Carrot and Stick Policy – tempting them with carrot of negotiations, threatening with stick of escalating war

Nixon went on TV saying he's sending troops to Cambodia. **Sec of Defense Laird** and **Sec of St. Rogers** opposed

Pentagon Papers – secret Defense Dept study, the reason for fighting Vietnam was so US doesn't lose. Leaked by **Ellsberg**

Nixon tried to stop it from being printed, Supreme Court ruled it was ok. People further distrusted Nixon

The S. Vietnamese troops were sorry, N. Vietnam dropped demand that Thieu be replaced by coalition government

US would allow N. Vietnamese to stay in the South, let Vietcong play a role in final settlement

Used it as a campaign issue. However, Thieu refused to sign it, cuz N. Vietnam will kill him if they stayed

Christmas Bombings – massive bombing of the war, bombed Hanoi. Negotiated almost the same treaty

Thieu signed after 'US promised to help him in case N. Vietnam attacked. Gave them 1 billion in aide

N. Vietnam broke the treaty, stormed Saigon, Congress refused to grant aide, South surrendered.

Al Santoli – **Everything we Had** – a US army medic describing the battle from a aircraft carrier offshore

8 million tons of bombs, 58,000 Americans dead, 300,000 wounded. 640 Hiroshimas.

Détent – attempt to repair strained relations between US and communist powers. US/Soviets not the only superpowers

European Economic Community – the nations of western Europe. **Realpolitik** – practical – moves on interest, not views

Balance of Power – strong Soviet, China, Europe, Japan, US, everyone balancing each other. Plus, US wanted markets

China – Recognizes Mao's gov, Meets Mao/Zhou, China joins UN, resumes trade, China hosts US table tennis team.

Soviet Union – met with Brezhnev, needed US grain, **Strategic Arms Limitation Talks** – limited certain types of nuclear weapons

Trips to China and Soviets boosted popularity, Democrats divided between Humphrey, Muskie, McGovern, and Wallace.

Wallace caused the most trouble, attacked busing, criminals, protesters, pointy headed intellectuals.

Ran VS McGovern

Wallace was shot, left him paralyzed, withdrew. Traditional democrats unhappy with the far left idea. Won by landslide

However used many dirty tricks, used CREEP, eventually caused Watergate, and caused his resignation

Chapter 21-3

Frank Wells – Watergate building security guard who found the door lock taped twice.

Democratic National Committee (DNC) HQ on 6th floor. Police searched building, found 5 men, lock picks, film, and cash

Next day, 3500+ in cash, **Black address book with a tel # and note next to Howard Hunt's name:**

W. House

Since WWII, White house has gained power. Truman/Johnson sent troops w/o declaration of war, Roosevelt made treaties w/o Senate

When national security was concerned, President should act quickly, even if that means Congress isn't consulted

Nixon impounded funds for programs he opposed Ordered invasion of Cambodia w/o congressional approval.

Tipped the checks in power, Congress weakened, some called Nixon the **Imperial Presidency and**

King Richard

The Inner Circle – nicknamed **the Palace Guards** – Nixon's close Aids – **Haldeman, John Erlichman, Chief of Staff, Kissinger**

Haldeman was his closest aide. **Erlichman** handled domestic policies. Inner Circle more powerful than cabinet

Since everyone agreed with him, had no criticism. Either for us or against us. **Colson** – special counsel, created enemies list

List included 200 people, 18 organizations. Senators E. Kennedy and G. McGovern, Reps Abzug and Chisholm, entire black leadership of the House, Yale President Brewster, Hollywood star McQueen, Newman, Fonda, and 57 members of the media

Asked the FBI to try to get evidence to discredit them, IRS to harass them with audits

Huston Plan – White House Aide Tom Huston – designed to combat antiwar movement, Nixon felt war will kill his career

FBI, CIA, National Security Agency, Defense Intelligence Agency – join anti war groups, tap phones, break into homes, open mail, discredit enemies. Nixon agreed, but FBI Chief Hoover felt it would reduce FBI power, blocked it

Committee to ReElect the President (CREEP) – headed by former Attorney General **John Mitchell**. Started illegal funding campaign, 350,000 to a special fund to pay for dirty tricks against Nixon's democratic foes, or **Muskie**

When the Pentagon Papers were released, Nixon feared other docs will be published and ruin his reputation

The Plumbers – CREEP special investigations unit to stop security leaks. Broke into Ellsberg's office, found nothing

Liddy – CREEP plumber – team of plumbers break into Democratic National Committee HQ, copy docs, wiretap phones, so they could keep track of their election strategies. Mitchell approved, prepared to attack Watergate building on **June 17, 1972**

Woodward and Bernstein – 2 reporters for the Washington Post, Woodward a Yale graduate, Bernstein a college drop out

Learned that **Liddy** and **Hunt** were employees of CREEP, burglars paid from CREEP fund controlled by White House Staff

In order to stop controversy, Nixon said that **WH counsel J. Dean** had conducted investigation, WH staff not involved

Paid Watergate burglars 460,000 to keep quiet. **On 10/10/72, WA Post accused Nixon of sabotage and conspiracy**

White House called it "a senseless pack of lies put together by the liberal paper to discredit the administration"

Maximum John – **Federal Judge John Sirica** – reputation for handing out long prison terms, the Judge of **Watergate Burglars**

James McCord – one of the burglars, afraid of a long sentence, agreed to cooperate. Accuse White House of lying

White House pressured defendants to plead guilty and remain silent

Senate Select Committee on Presidential Campaign Practices – Led by **Ervin**, defender of 1st amendment rights

Nixon, in another attempt to cover it up, announces resignations of **Dean, Haldeman, and Erlichman**.

Forced to order **Attorney General Richardson** to assign a special prosecutor, chose **Cox**, no affiliation with the white house

Republican Senator Baker asked the same question – What did the President know and when did he know it?

John Dean – testified that there had been a cover up and charged that the President directed it

WH Aide Butterfield - told Senate that Nixon had installed a tape recording system. But Nixon wouldn't hand over the tapes.

Nixon made one last attempt by saying to put Watergate behind them and deal with issues concerning the country.

Told **Ricardson** to fire **Cox**, refused, resigned. Ordered Deputy AG, **Ruckelshaus**, refused, fired himself. **Solicitor Bork fired Cox**

Saturday Night Massacre – Public Outcry – ad to appoint another special Prosecutor, Jaworski. Asked for tapes, took it to court

VP Agnew resigns later after admitted income tax evasion and accepting bribes, resigns, **MI Congressman Ford takes over**

Nixon paid only \$800 of taxes with a salary of \$200,00. April, 73, forced to release edited transcripts, proved he was hiding

US V Nixon -Led by **Jaworski**, Supreme Court unanimously ruled that Nixon had to release the tapes

Impeachment – charges against the President. **House of Judiciary Committee began to draft impeachment articles.**

House decides whether impeachment charges are justified. Senate serves as the jury. Only **Andrew Johnson** had been impeached

House decided to impeach on obstructing justice by the Watergate cover up, violating rights of citizens by using FBI, CIA, and IRS to harass critics, defying congressional authority by refusing to turn over the tapes.

Nixon turns over the tapes, shows him telling FBI not to go into it further, thinks about it for 3 days, **resigns, Ford sworn in**

War Powers Act of 73 – required president to consult Congress before sending troops into prolonged action

Congressional Budget Impoundment Control Act – prohibited impounding of federal money by the President

Federal Election campaign Act of 72 – setting limits on campaign contributions

Extended Freedom of Information act by passing **Privacy Act** – allows citizens to have access to files that the gov have on them