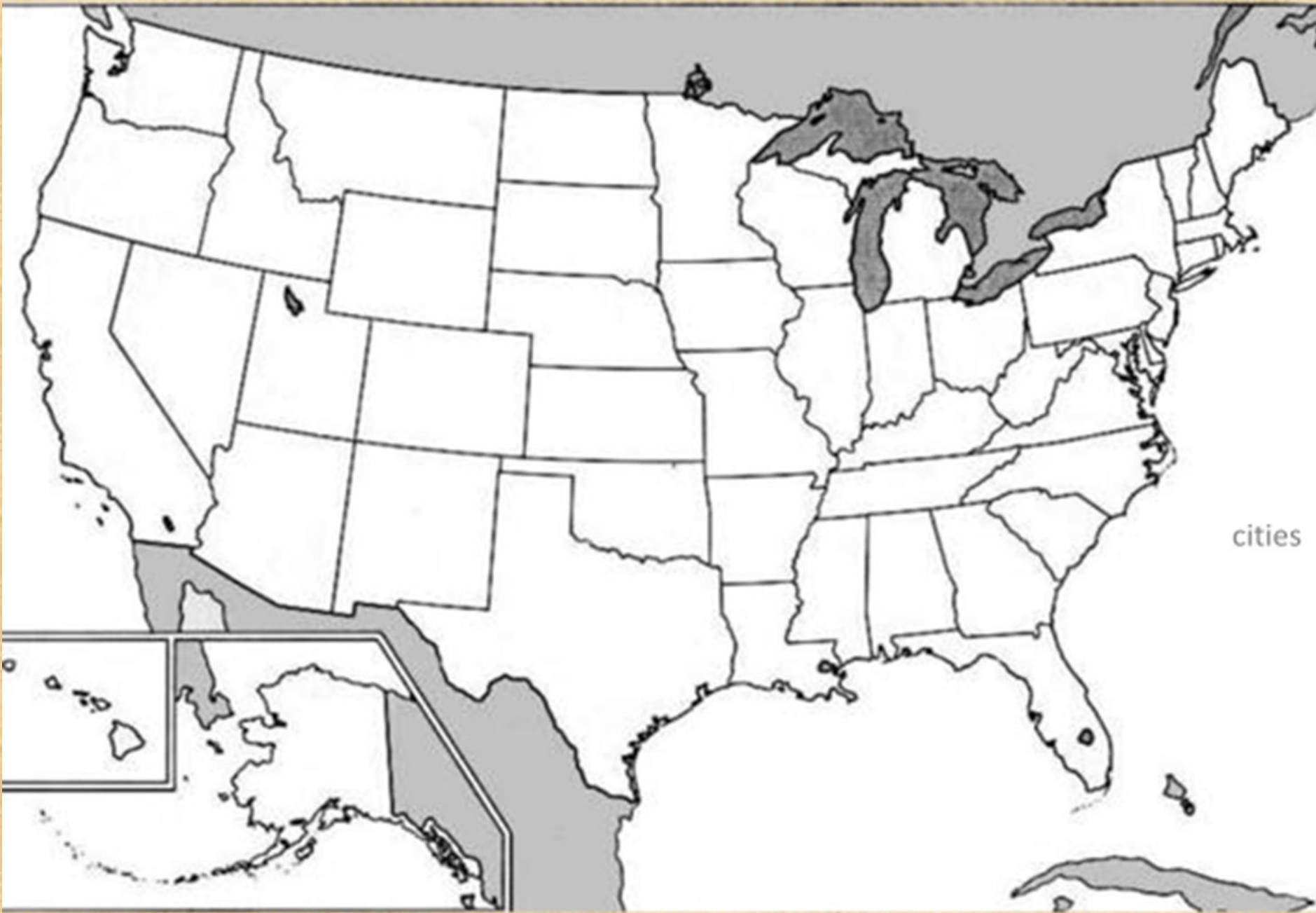


Politics and Economics of
the 1970s
Chapter 32



Millions of Americans saw police and demonstrators clash on the streets of Chicago at the Democratic National Convention in late August 1968. Many television viewers were outraged at the police tactics they saw. G.L. Halbert, however, was not one of them. To make his support of police efforts public, Halbert wrote a letter to *Newsweek* magazine:

““Congratulations to Mayor Daley and the Chicago police on their tough handling of the yippies, Vietniks, and newsmen. If more mayors and police departments had the courage to crack down on those who carry only the flags of our enemies and newsmen who consistently slant their coverage of events in favor of those who would undermine and disrupt our country, there would be greater freedom for the majority of Americans rather than greater lawlessness for the few. It is a tragedy that such individuals are allowed to cringe behind our constitutional guarantees after they have wreaked destruction by their agitation.””

Nixon's Domestic Presidency

- Nixon's background
 - US Navy in WW II
 - Anti-Communist in the McCarthy years
 - VP under Eisenhower
 - Loses 1960 election against Kennedy
 - Loses California Gov. election in 1962
- Election of 1968-most turbulent year since WW II
 - Humphries-democrat
 - Wallace-states rights
 - Nixon-republican
 - southern strategy
- Nixon's law and order presidency
 - Warren Burger-limits rights of criminals
 - Conservative...Silent Majority
 - New Federalism
 - Revenue sharing with the states
 - Aid to Families with Dependent children
- Election of 1972
 - Nixon vs. McGovern
 - Watergate?




Nixon's Foreign policy

- World leader
- Cabinet home politics
- Henry Kissinger
 - pro Israel
 - Sec. of State
- Détente with Soviets
 - Nixon visits
- Reproachment with Chinese
 - ping pong diplomacy
 - Nixon visits
- Multi-polar
 - US, Soviet, China, Japan, European
- Summit leads to SALT
 - nuclear limits



Evaluating Nixon

1. What were four of Nixon's achievements?



As Bob Woodward, a young reporter for the *Washington Post*, sat in a Washington, D.C., courtroom on the morning of June 17, 1972, he was in a rather foul mood. His editor had ruined his Saturday by calling him in to cover a seemingly insignificant but bizarre incident. In the early hours of that morning, five men had broken into the Democratic National Committee (DNC) headquarters in the city's Watergate apartment-office complex.

Woodward sat toward the back of the courtroom listening to the bail proceedings for the five defendants. At one point, the judge asked each man his occupation. One of the men, James McCord, answered that he was retired from government service.

"Where in government?" asked the judge.

"CIA," McCord whispered.

Woodward sprang to attention. Why was a former member of the Central Intelligence Agency involved in what seemed to be nothing more than a burglary?

Over the next two years, Woodward and another reporter, Carl Bernstein, would investigate this question. In so doing they uncovered a scandal that helped bring about a grave constitutional crisis and eventually forced the president to resign.

Nixon's Watergate Scandal

- VP Agnew resigns
 - bribes
- Nixon's enemies list
 - liberal media...Bob Woodward
- Concern about re-election
 - Watergate break in of Democratic HQ...Judge Sirica
- Committee to Re-elect the President
 - James McCord, John Mitchell, CIA, FBI, cover up by Nixon?
- Watergate
 - Saturday night massacre!!!
 - Sam Irvin's investigation
 - Nixon, Dean, and Tapes
 - Butterfield
 - executive privilege?
- House committee recommends impeachment
- Nixon resigns
- Laws to limit presidential power



Review Nixon

1. List two defeats for Richard Nixon that seemed like his political future was dead?.
2. Nixon appointed ____ to the supreme court
3. What was Nixon's policy toward China?
4. Who was Nixon's vice president that had to resign due to accusations of bribery?
5. What item was discovered that doomed Nixon in the Watergate scandal?
6. ____ was Nixon's policy toward the Soviet Union.
7. What did Nixon call his conservative followers?

On a sunny February day in 1977, Ellen Griffith and her fiancé, Roger Everson, both of Nashville, Tennessee, sat together in a place where neither of them dreamed they would be—the state unemployment office. Just a month before, Griffith, a 20-year-old salesclerk in a shopping center, and Everson, 21, had been excitedly making wedding plans. Now, with Everson laid off and Griffith on a reduced work schedule, the young couple had decided to put their future plans on hold. “It cost something to get married, you know,” said Everson.

What had landed the two in this predicament was a one-two punch of a particularly bitter winter and an energy shortage that had gone on for much of the decade. The brutally cold weather in the Midwest and East had increased the demand for oil and fuel, already in short supply throughout the country. In response, the government had asked numerous companies and shops to conserve energy by cutting back on their business hours. As a result, Griffith saw her work schedule slashed from 40 hours per week to 20 hours.

As the couple sat stoically in the unemployment office waiting for their names to be called, Griffith wondered how she would pay her bills on her reduced salary and whatever she might be able to get from the state. “I just feel like we’ve been rained on,” she said glumly.

Ford's presidency

• Domestic Policy

- Nixon's Pardon lingers
- Economic problems
 - OPEC, US need imported oil!!
 - Inflation
 - WIN...Whip Inflation Now...failed
 - Stagflation
 - High inflation and unemployment
 - How can that happen?

• Foreign Policy

- Continues Nixon's Multipolar approach
 - Europe, US, Soviet, China, Japan
- Helsinki Accords
- Détente
- Cambodia
 - Mayaguez incident



•Insider politician!

•Too much like Nixon!

Carter's Presidency

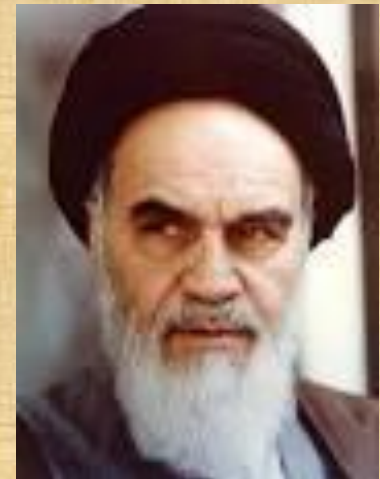
- Domestic policy
 - Honest government!!!
 - Oil Shortage continues
 - Department of Energy
 - Crisis of confidence
 - malaise speech
- Foreign policy
 - Moral High Ground
 - Human rights
 - Panama Canal
 - Soviet invasion of Afghanistan
 - Olympic boycott
 - Grain embargo
 - Camp David Accords
 - Egypt/Israel peace???
 - Iran Hostage crisis, 444 days of captivity...America held captive
 - Khomeini
 - Rescue mission failed



•Smiling peanut farmer from Georgia!

•Or

•Brilliant scientific analyzer!

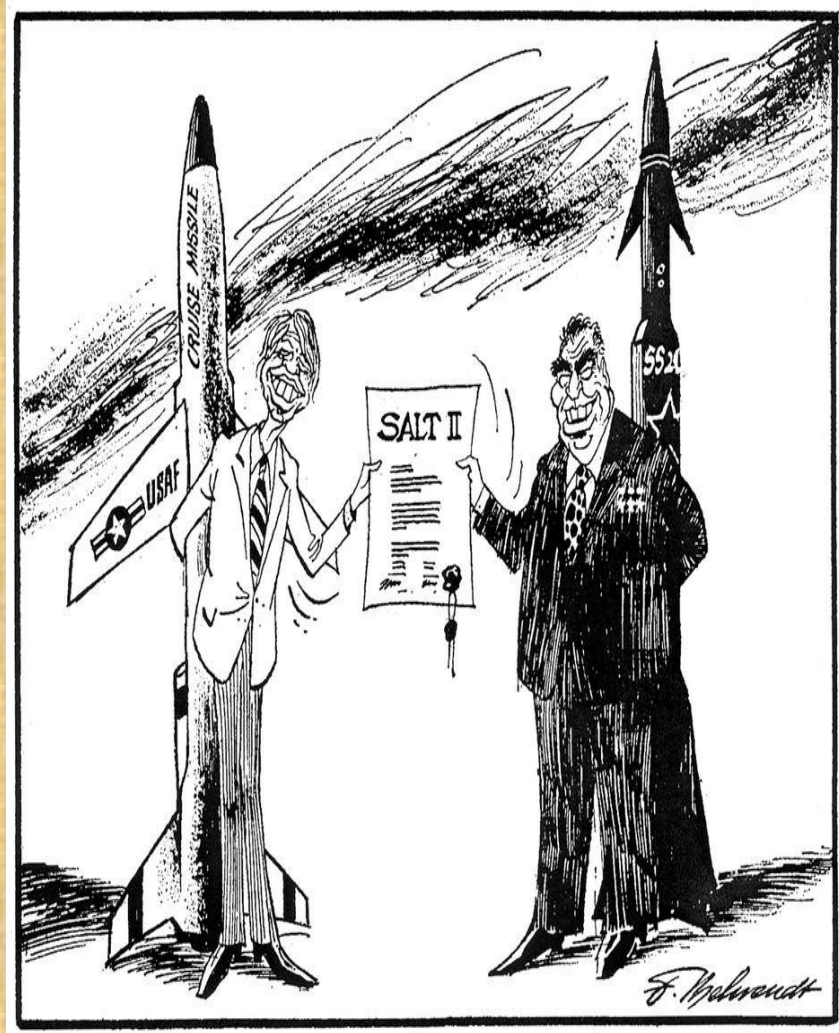


Carter and the Soviet Union

Ten years ago, the United States and the Soviet Union made the historic decision to open the strategic arms limitations talks, or SALT. The purpose of SALT, then as now, is not to gain a unilateral advantage for either nation, but to protect the security of both nations, to reverse the costly and dangerous momentum of the nuclear arms race, to preserve a stable balance of nuclear forces, and to demonstrate to a concerned world that we are determined to help preserve the peace If the Soviet Union continues to negotiate in good faith, a responsible SALT agreement will be reached.

—President Carter

1. What does SALT stand for?
2. What weapons were SALT's primary focus?
3. Outline the four key points of the SALT agreement.



As the United States prepared to celebrate its bicentennial on July 4, 1976, a reporter asked Stoyan Christowe for his views on the state of the nation on the eve of its 200th birthday. The 77-year-old Vermont resident acknowledged that the United States was “in pretty bad shape,” but added that the country would turn around—as it always had.

“I believe in this country. I’ve always believed in it. There is a quotation by Benjamin Franklin, in a letter to George Washington during the Revolutionary War. Franklin talked of a cornfield during a drought, and how the cornstalks have shriveled and curled, and it was a sad sight. And then, he said a thunderstorm came along, spilling rain, and a day or two after, the sun came out, and the corn came to life, and it was a delight. . . . I know we’re going through a kind of turmoil now, but the country is okay. . . . My faith in this country was never shaken. Like that cornfield—the sun will shine again, and the rains will come, and brother, those cornstalks will revive, and it will be a beautiful sight.”

- New Age Movement

- Zen
- Transcendental meditation
- Gurus
- Yogi

- Family life

- Divorce skyrockets
- TV
 - Mary Tyler Moore
 - All in the Family...Blue Collar TV
 - The Jeffersons
 - Good Times

- Music

- John Denver...The Eagles...Barry Manilow
- Disco...Saturday Night Fever

- Fads

- CBs
- Aerobic Exercise
- Running

The *Me* Generation



Review: Ford/Carter

1. List three major economic problems in the 1970s.
2. Carter gave control of the _____ to Panama in 1979.
3. Who was the leader of Iran during the Hostage Crisis of 1979?
4. List 4 popular TV shows during the 1970s.
5. Where did the Mayaguez incident occur?