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For two and a half years Ron Nessen held what many believe is the second toughest job in the Government: White House Press Secretary.

After a distinguished career of 20 years as an award-winning news and television correspondent, Nessen was asked by President Ford to become his spokesman at one of the most troubled times in our Nation's history. The respect of the press and the public in the White House had nearly been destroyed by Watergate, the bitterness of the Ron Ziegler era, and the Nixon pardon. In September, 1974, Nessen stepped into the very center of a stormy chapter of American history.

For the next 2-1/2 years, Nessen had a front row seat at all the headline events of the Ford Administration: the Vladivostok Agreement with the Russians on nuclear weapons; the sad and stunning end of the Vietnam war; the two horrifying assassination attempts against President Ford; the daring military rescue of the captured Mayaguez crew members; the pomp and ceremony of foreign trips; the close primary and convention victory over Ronald Reagan for the Republican Presidential nomination and, finally, the come-from-behind campaign against Jimmy Carter which just barely fell short in a heartbreaking loss.

At all of these important events, it was Nessen's face and words which were seen, heard and read around the world, speaking for President Ford.

When Nessen became Press Secretary to the President, relations between the White House and the press were strained almost to the breaking point. Nessen helped restore trust, openness, candor and friendship to that very important relationship.

Before becoming the spokesman for the President, Nessen was no stranger to great historic events. As a television correspondent for NBC News for 12 years, Nessen spent five tours in Vietnam, covering that war for the American television viewer.

Nessen received the George Polk Memorial Award of the Overseas Press Club, one of the most treasured prizes available to a journalist.

Nessen almost was killed in Vietnam, on camera before millions of television viewers. He was struck in the chest, near the heart, by a Viet Cong hand grenade fragment while covering a battle in the Central Highlands in July, 1965. His cameraman kept filming as Nessen was tended by medics and was finally evacuated by helicopter.



Nessen recovered from his war wound at Walter Reed Army Hospital and returned to Vietnam to continue his memorable broadcasts which focused on the frustrations and brutality of that far-away war.

Vietnam was not the only war which was brought into millions of living rooms by Nessen on NBC television. He also reported from Bangla Desh, from Biafra, from Bolivia during the search for Che Guevara and from Borneo during a violent tribal uprising.

When President Ford asked Nessen to become his Press Secretary, he was inviting into the inner sanctum of politics a news correspondent who had followed politics closely from the press room. Nessen was NBC's White House Correspondent when Lyndon Johnson was President, and Nessen covered the successful Presidential campaign of Richard Nixon in 1968 and the unsuccessful Vice Presidential campaign of Sargent Shriver in 1972.

One of the most exhausting but rewarding experiences of Nessen's career as a political correspondent was his coverage of Gerald Ford. Two days after Spiro Agnew resigned Ford was nominated as the new Vice President. Nessen reported for NBC viewers on his confirmation hearings by the Senate and House, his 118,000 miles of travel over the next eight months and finally the emotional hours when Richard Nixon resigned and Gerald Ford was sworn in as President of the United States.

It was during this period that Nessen and Ford became personal friends. That friendship led Ford to ask Nessen to join his top White House staff as Press Secretary.

Nessen's unique background as both a respected journalist and a White House official has made him much sought after by the business and academic worlds as a consultant on communications policy.

For two years in a row Nessen was the guest lecturer at the National War College in Washington, D. C., expounding his views on the media and national policy to an elite class of military officers, foreign policy and intelligence officials and top executives of business and industrial firms.



In addition, Nessen has been asked to share his knowledge at seminars at the Aspen Institute, the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas and many other institutions. His insights have been sought by professors from Towsen State College, the University of Maryland, George Washington University, Georgetown University, the University of Michigan and others preparing books and dissertations on the media and government. Nessen is the author of numerous articles.

Nessen began his journalistic career at a number of small radio stations and newspapers in the Washington, D. C. area. He spent five years as an editor with United Press International in Washington before joining NBC in 1962. During his 12 years with that television network Nessen was assigned to cover the news from Washington, New York, Mexico City, London and the Far East.

Nessen graduated from American University in Washington with a degree in history and a prize for his senior thesis on Abraham Lincoln. Nessen is married and the father of two children.

Office of the White House Press Secretary

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His first NBC assignment was in Washington, where he served from 1962 to 1965 as a White House correspondent during the term of President Johnson. He was assigned to Southeast Asia by NBC in 1965 and covered Vietnam until he was wounded by a grenade fragment in 1966. He returned to Washington and later that year was assigned to New York, where he anchored a weekly Vietnam television report and a five minute daily Vietnam report on the "Today" show.

In 1967, Mr. Nessen received a series of foreign assignments from NBC, covering Latin America, Asia, Africa and then London. He returned to the United States, where he covered the Presidential campaign of 1968. After that, he was based in Washington, specializing in urban affairs. When Gerald Ford became Vice President, Mr. Nessen was assigned to cover most of the 118,000 miles traveled by the Vice President. When President Ford took office in August, 1974, Mr. Nessen became NBC's White House correspondent.

He was born in Washington, D. C., May 25, 1934. Mr. Nessen attended American University, where he majored in history.

He is married to the former Young Hi Song of Seoul, South Korea, and has two children, Edward, 1 1/2 and Caren, 18. The Nesses live in Bethesda, Maryland.

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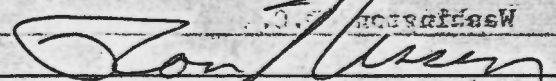
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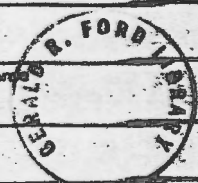
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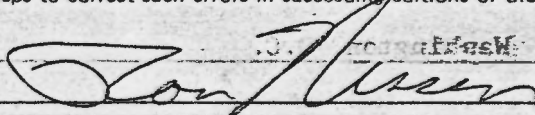
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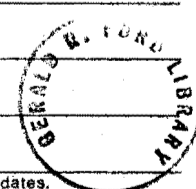
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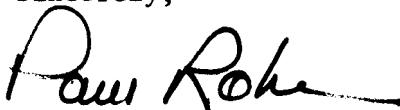
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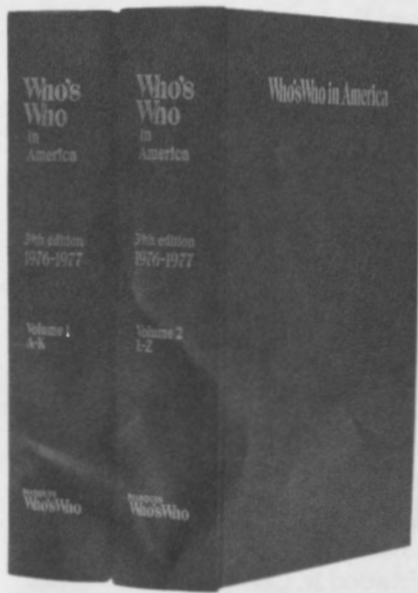
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