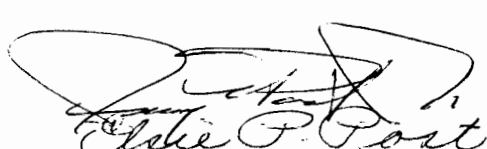


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Nation

World

1949

North Atlantic Treaty Organization established (NATO).
W. Germany founded as a separate nation.
Communist victory in China.
Soviet Union detonates an atomic bomb.

1950 Soviet spy ring uncovered at Los Alamos.
Alger Hiss convicted of perjury.
McCarthy launches anti-communist crusade.
Rosenbergs arrested as atomic spies.

Korean war begins.
China enters Korean war.
French controlled Vietnam receives U.S. financial aid and military advisers.

1951 MacArthur dismissed from his Korean commission.
Rosenbergs are convicted of espionage.

1952 Eisenhower elected president: Republicans gain control of congress.

First hydrogen bomb exploded.

1953 Earl Warren appointed U.S. Chief Justice.

Korean war truce signed.
CIA-supported coup in Iran.

1954 Army-~~McCarthy~~ ^{McCarthy} hearings.
Brown v Bd. of Ed. rejects separate but equal clause.

CIA intervention in Guatemala.
Vietnam divided at 17th parallel, Diem becomes S. Vietnam premier.

1955 AFL-CIO merger.
Montgomery bus boycott begins.

Salk polio vaccine developed.
First postwar U.S.-Soviet summit meeting.
U.S. advisers take over training of S. Vietnamese army.

1956 Eisenhower reelected.

Suez crisis.

1957 Eisenhower Doctrine announced.
Civil Rights Act (first since reconstruction).
Little rock school desegregation crisis.

Soviet Union launches Sputnik.

- 1958 PEAK OF BABY BOOM
U.S. troops sent to Lebanon.
U.S. & U.S.S.R. halt atomic tests.
- 1959
Castro comes into power.
Khrushchev & Eisenhower meet at Camp David.
- 1960 Second Civil Rights Act.
Birth control pill marketed.
U-2 incident.
National Liberation front formed (Vietcong).
- 1961 Kennedy elected.
PEACE CORP FOUNDED
Kennedy increases military aid to S. Vietnam.
- 1963 Kennedy assassinated.
MLK's "I Have a Dream" speech.
Betty Friedan releases her book, The Feminine Mystique, which caused many women to rethink their way of life.
Abington v Schempp (Bible reading in public schools).
Gideon v Wainwright (state must provide attorney).
16,000 U.S. troops in Vietnam.
- 1964 Berkely Free Speech Movement.
Tax Reduction Act-cuts benefit corporations and the wealthy.
Civil Rights Act.
NY Times v Sullivan-expands protection of press against libel suits by public figures.
Wesberry v Sanders and Reynolds v Sims decisions mandate "one man, one vote."
23,300 U.S. troops in Vietnam.
U.S. bombs N. Vietnam.
- 1965 Teach-ins against Vietnam war.
Ken Kesey and the Merry Pranksters stage first "acid test."
Voting Rights Act suspends literacy tests.
El. and Sec. Ed. Act (first federal aid to education law).
Higher Ed. Act appropriates 650 mil. for scholarships and funding.
184,000 U.S. troops in Vietnam.
First U.S. combat troops arrive in S. Vietnam at Danang.
- 1966 Founding of Nat'l. Org. for Women (NOW).
Abolition of automatic student deferments from the draft.
B-52's attack N. Vietnam for the first time.
Senate opens hearings on Vietnam.

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| <p>Miranda v Arizona (constitutional rights upon arrest).
Motor Vehicle Safety Act.
Truth in Packaging Act.</p> | <p>385,000 U.S. troops in Vietnam.</p> |
| <p>1967 Loving v Virginia strikes down state antimiscegenation laws, which prohibit interracial marriage.</p> | <p>Major anti-war demonstrations in N.Y. and S.F.
Protest march on the Pentagon.
485,600 U.S. troops in Vietnam</p> |
| <p>1968 Pres. Johnson announces decision not to seek reelection.
MLK Jr. assassinated; race riots sweep the nation.
Robert Kennedy assassinated.
Nixon elected president.
Students take over buildings and strike at Columbia Univ.</p> | <p>Tet offensive.
My Lai massacre.
Vietnam peace talks begin in Paris.
536,000 U.S. troops in Vietnam</p> |
| <p>1969 Apollo 11 lands first Americans on the moon.
Woodstock festival.
Lieutenant William Calley charged with murder of civilians at My Lai.
Nationwide anti-war protests.</p> | <p>U.S. begins bombing of N. Vietnamese bases in Cambodia.
Nixon announces withdrawal of first U.S. troops after military personnel reach a peak of 543,400 in April.</p> |
| <p>1970 Student protests force 400 colleges and universities to close following Kent and Jackson State killings.</p> | <p>U.S. invades Cambodia.
475,200 U.S. troops in Vietnam</p> |

Excellent

Personal Chronology

- 1947 met as ninth graders in Texas
- 1950 Mr. Post goes to college at Texas A&M, he also remembers when the North Koreans crossed the border into South Korea
Mrs. Post goes to college at University of Nebraska
- 1952 Mrs. Posts' grandmother and mother vote for Eisenhower, which is quite a big deal since they had always voted democratic
- 1953 Mr. Post remembers execution of the Rosenbergs
- 1954 Mrs. Post graduates from college
- 1955 Mr. Post graduates from college, and they are married. They move to Pittsburgh. Mr. Post goes to work for Westinghouse.
AFL-CIO merger shocks Mrs. Post
- 1957 First child born
- 1959 Castro comes into power, he is at first seen as o.k.
Second child born
- 1963 Third and final child is born

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Interview Questions

1. How publicized was the 1949 communist victory in China? *what did you think?*
2. What were your thoughts and reactions to the Soviet spy ring that was uncovered at Los Alamos? To McCarthy's anti communist crusade? To the arrest and subsequent conviction of the Rosenbergs?
3. What did you think about Eisenhower? Were you pleased with his election?
4. Did the Korean war directly affect you and/or your family? If so, *good* how?
5. In 1953, was there any hoopla, press coverage surrounding the nomination of Earl Warren as Chief Justice?
6. In 1955, what was the general consensus and your personal reaction to unions? How did you feel about the merger of the AFL-CIO?
7. How did you feel and what was the local community reaction to the emerging civil rights movement, beginning with the Brown vs. Bd. of Ed.(1954-sep. but equal was inherently unequal) decision and the Montgomery bus boycott(1955)?
8. When did you begin to be aware of our growing presence in Vietnam? How did you feel about this?
9. What was the reaction to Castro's rise to power in Cuba?
10. Do you remember when the birth control pill became available (1960) Was it highly publicized or kept relatively quiet? Do you think that it was a determining factor in the sexual revolution? *Did it affect your life?*
11. Did you see changes in the school system as a result of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965?

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12. When major anti-war demonstrations began to occur in response to the Vietnam war, did you agree or disagree with them?
13. Were you surprised by Johnson's announcement of his decision not to seek re-election? Do you think that his decision was heavily influenced by the events in Vietnam?
14. What was your reaction and the local community reaction to the assassination of MLK Jr.?
15. How did you feel about MLK's goals and his methods of pursuing them?
16. What did you think about Malcolm X? Do you think that both men basically strived for the same goals?
17. What was local public reaction/sentiment surrounding the murder of civilians at My Lai and the subsequent charges brought against Lieutenant William Calley?
18. Do you think that the events at Kent State and Jackson State were inevitable in the tense anti-war climate at the time? Do you think it could happen again? Who do you think is to blame for the tragic deaths?

I WILL INTERVIEW MR. JERRY V. POST. HE WAS ^{RECENTLY MARRIED} RAISING ⁴ YOUNG CHILDREN, PURSUING A MASTER'S DEGREE AND WAS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN KEEPING UP WITH THE WORLD AND ITS WORKINGS.

Excellent questions
good job

INTERVIEWEE BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Name: JERRY V. & Essie P. POST M/F Husband & Wife
 Address: 1541 CATHERINE COURT
 Phone number(s): 404
 Approximate age or date of birth: 59 / 60
 Mother's Name: RUTH POST / MAIDELL PRATNER
 Father's Name: JERRY POST / WILLIAM DWIGHT PRATNER
 Places lived and when: NAVISOTA TX - PITTSBURGH PA / BELLVILLE TX
ABILENE TX / PITTSBURGH / MIDDELTOWN OH / ATLANTA GA
 Education: BOTH HAD MASTERS DEGREE - BUSINESS / EDUCATION
 Religion: EPISCOPALIAN
 Business, political and social memberships (past and present) PIGE - NAT'L ED. ASSOC.
AIEEE - WITH AM. REPUBLICAN / D.H.L. - PSYCH. ASSOC. (I)
 Present occupation: ENGINEER / EDUCATOR - ELEMENTARY LEVEL
 Former occupations: _____
 Special Skills: B.S. IN BELL...
 Major Accomplishments: RAISING 3 KIDS AND PUTTING THEM ALL
THROUGH COLLEGE - 38 YEARS OF MARRIAGE MARRIAGE
 National Events in which interviewee has participated: _____
All Piles, Elections / CONTRIBUTIONS TO SENATORIAL PAPER
 Local Events in which interviewee has participated: _____
CHILD SAFETY ? HEALTH ACTIVITIES / CULTURAL ACTIVITIES
 National born U.S. citizen? No BORN WHERE?
 Naturalized Citizen: Yes/No Date: _____
 Country from which he/she emigrated: _____
 Documents, photographs, and artifacts which are in the possession of the interviewee:

 Individuals recommended by the interviewee who might be candidates for an oral history interview: _____
 Additional information: _____

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