ANALYSIS: MARCH 31, 1968





with Mr. Willis

<u>UNIT 8 - DAY 14</u>

1968 & 1969: a Tumultuous end

POLITICAL TURMOIL

LBJ'S DECISION TO STEP AWAY FROM OFFICE CREATED A VOID IN THE 1968 ELECTION

V.P. HUBERT HUMPHREY RAN AS THE PARTY
FAVORITE AND SUCCESSOR TO LBJ'S POLICIES

BUT ROBERT "BOBBY" KENNEDY, LITTLE BROTHER OF JFK, ENTERED THE RACE

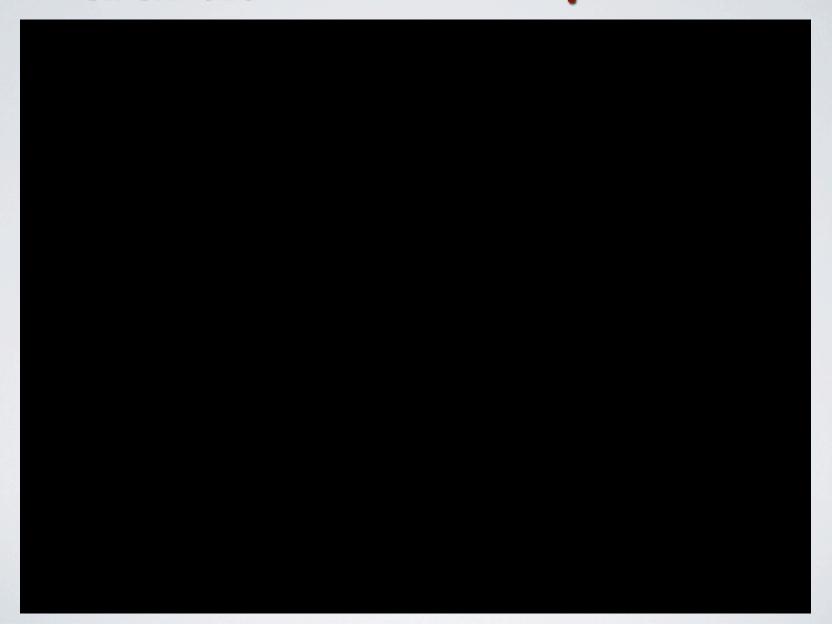
RFK RAN AS THE CANDIDATE TO END THE WAR AND STOOD FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE (NEW LEFT) HE SOON BECAME A FAVORITE TO WIN AS THE PARTY SPLIT B/W THE OLD GUARD AND NEW

RFK HAD SERVED AS ATTORNEY GENERAL UNDER HIS BROTHER, WAS A NY SENATOR, AND WAS CLOSE W/ MLK & CESAR CHAVEZ



But a series of tragedies would change america for ever!

ANALYSIS: APRIL 3, 1968



KING IS ASSASSINATED

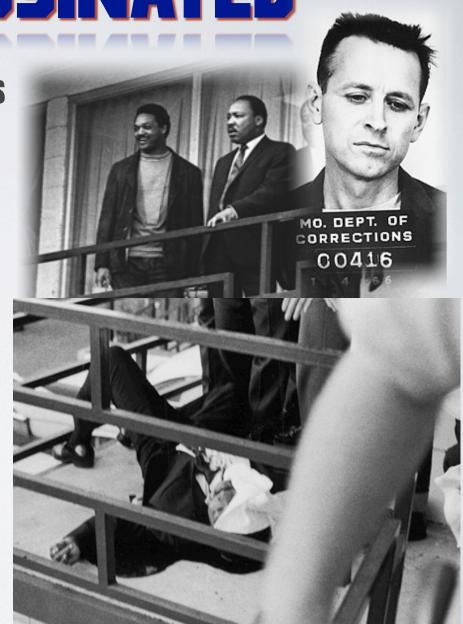
APRIL 4, 1968 - MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. IS SHOT AND KILLED IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

HE WAS IN MEMPHIS TO MARCH FOR RIGHTS
FOR BLACK SANITATION CITY WORKERS

KING WAS SHOT ON THE BALCONY OF HIS HOTEL BY JAMES EARL RAY

THE NIGHT BEFORE, MLK SENSED HIS DEATH WAS NEAR & COMPARED HIMSELF TO MOSES
HE URGED AFRICAN AMERICANS TO MOVE
FORWARD PEACEFULLY W/O HIM

RIOTS BROKE OUT IN ALMOST EVERY MAJOR CITY AS BLACKS LASHED OUT





ANALYSIS: APRIL 4, 1958



RFK IS ASSASSINATED

JUNE 6, 1968 - ROBERT F. KENNEDY IS ASSASSINATED IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

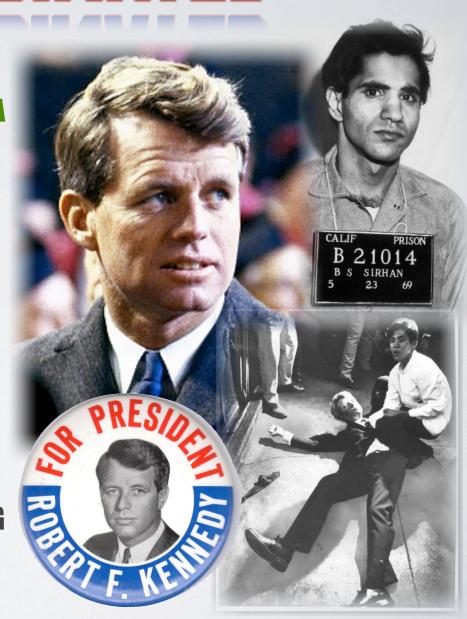
HE HAD JUST WON THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY
AND HAD BECOME THE FRONTRUNNER IN '68

RFK WAS SHOT IN THE KITCHEN OF THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL

HE HAD JUST FINISHED ADDRESSING SUPPORTERS IN A VICTORY SPEECH

PALESTINIAN EXTREMIST SIRHAN SIRHAN KILLED
HIM B/C HE SUPPORTED ISRAEL

THE NATION FELT A SENSE THAT EVERYTHING WAS ABOUT TO BECOME UNHINGED





ANALYSIS: JUNE 5, 1958



POLITICAL CHAOS ENGULFS THE CLEOTION OF 1968

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

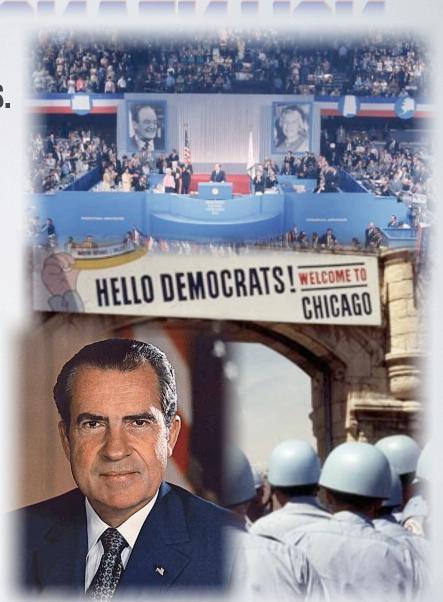
SUMMER 1968 - DEMOCRATS GATHER IN CHICAGO TO NOMINATE HUMPHREY FOR PRES.

OVER LOK ANTI-WAR PROTESTORS SHOW UP TO DEMONSTRATE THE PARTY'S WAR PLATFORM

THE CHICAGO MAYOR ORDERS POLICE TO CRACKDOWN ON THE PROTESTORS

TV BROADCASTS VIDEO OF POLICE BEATINGS &
PROTESTORS SETTING FIRES IN THE STREETS
INSIDE THE CONVENTION, THE PARTY DESCENDS
INTO CHAOS AND VOTERS TURN ON THE PARTY

VOTERS WERE FED UP WITH LIBERALISM AND WANTED STABILITY, ELECTING REPUBLICAN RICHARD NIXON IN 1968



AS THE NATION STUMBLED TO THE END OF THE DECADE, 1969 WOULD BRING MILESTONES...

The radical liberalism of the late 60s had fallen out of favor



american counterculture was facing its last gasp



one event will oulminate the 1960s in an Iconic moment in time



AND THAT IS...

THE WOODSTOCK FESTIVAL

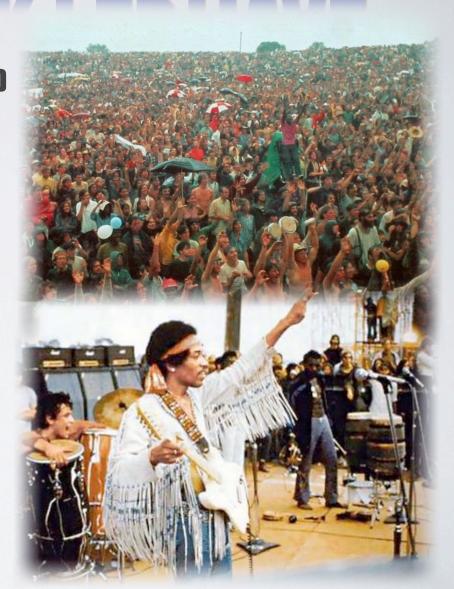
AUGUST 1969 - COUNTERCULTURE GATHERED ON A NEW YORK FARM FOR WOODSTOCK

THE "MUSIC AND ART FESTIVAL" SAW 400K
PEOPLE SIT IN MUD & RAIN FOR 3 DAYS

THE PEACEFUL & WELL ORGANIZED FESTIVAL WAS THE HIGHLIGHT OF COUNTERCULTURE

ROCK'S BIGGEST STARS CAME TO PLAY (JIMI HENDRIX, JANIS JOPLIN, JOE COCKER, ETC.)

WOODSTOCK WAS A SYMBOLIC GOODBYE TO A DECADE THAT CHANGED AMERICA



ANALYSIS: JIMI AT WOODSTOCK



