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**Chapter 39: The Stalemated Seventies**

**Sources of Stagnation**

1. What were some of the causes of the productivity slowdown and the longest inflationary cycle in American history?

**Nixon “Vietnamizes” the War**

1. What was Nixon’s policy of “Vietnamization”?
2. What was the Nixon Doctrine?
3. Who were the “doves” and how did they demonstrate disapproval toward Nixon’s approach to Vietnam?
4. Who was Nixon’s “silent majority” and how did he launch a counteroffensive by appealing to them?
5. What were the growing negative aspects of the Vietnam conflict by January 1970?

**Cambodianizing the Vietnam War**

1. What were Nixon’s reasons for widening the war in 1970 by attacking Cambodia and how did he do it?
2. What happened at Kent State University and why was this symptomatic of the country?
3. What steps mollified Americans toward the end of the conflict?
4. Why did the Pentagon Papers exacerbate antiwar discontent?

**Nixon’s Détente with Beijing (Peking) and Moscow**

1. What was Nixon’s plan by involving China and the Soviet Union?
2. What role did Dr. Henry Kissinger play in Nixon’s plan?
3. What was the purpose of Nixon’s historic journey in February 1972?
4. What was “détente” and what significant agreements did it secure between the U.S. and the Soviets?
5. What was the ABM Treaty?
6. What was SALT?
7. Although these were meant to slow the arms race, why was it increased to an even higher level?

**A New Team on the Supreme Bench**

1. What was the Court’s decision in the following cases:

* Griswold v. Connecticut (1965)
* Gideon v. Wainwright
* Escobedo (1964)
* Miranda (1966)
* New York Times v. Sullivan (1964)
* Engle v. Vitale (1962)
* School District of Abington Township v. Schempp (1963)
* Reynolds v. Sims (1964)
* Roe v. Wade (1973) p. 944

1. How did Nixon seek to change the Court’s philosophical complexion and to what effect?

**Nixon on the Home Front**

1. What programs did Nixon sign into law that expanded the existing welfare programs?
2. What was the enduring consequence of Nixon’s Philadelphia Plan?
3. How did it alter the meaning of “affirmative action”?
4. What were Nixon’s legacies in regards to the environment?
5. Who was **Rachel Carson**, what did she write and why was her work significant?
6. What was Nixon’s “southern strategy”?

**The Nixon Landslide of 1972**

1. Why did George McGovern gain appeal as a presidential candidate against Nixon?
2. What promises and what announcement did Dr. Kissinger make to help Nixon won the election of 1972 by a landslide?
3. Why did fighting in Vietnam escalate after the announcement?
4. How was a “Peace with honor” achieved? But was it really? Why?

**The Secret Bombing of Cambodian and the War Powers Act**

1. What was so shocking about the 3500 bombing raids against North Vietnamese positions in Cambodia?
2. What was the War Powers Act passed by Congress in November 1973?
3. Why was the War Powers Act a manifestation of “New Isolationism”?

**The Arab Oil Embargo and the Energy Crisis**

1. How did America’s support of Israel against Egypt and Syria affect her energy supply?

**Watergate and the Unmaking of a President**

1. Describe the Watergate scandal (what happened, who was involved?)
2. How did the Supreme Court force Nixon to hand over the Watergate tapes?
3. What principles set forth by the founding fathers were strengthened as a result of this event?

**The First Unelected President**

**Defeat in Vietnam**

**Feminist Victories and Defeats**

**The Seventies in Black and White**

**The Bicentennial Campaign and the Carter Victory**

**Carter’s Humanitarian Diplomacy**

**Economic and Energy Woes**

**Foreign Affairs and the Iranian Imbroglio**