

The plant pot painter

Graduate student John Ambler paints jars for a hydroponics project. In hydroponics, plants are grown in a

nutrient solution culture instead of dirt. The jars are painted dark to stop the solution from "growing."

Nixon anchors TV show

United Press International NEW YORK — Richard Nix-on is coming back as a television

In the issue appearing on newsstands Monday, New York magazine reported the former president will anchor an educaonal series on international events and statesmen similar to his recent book "Leaders.

Production is scheduled to begin this week, the magazine reported.
"We're experimenting with

the idea of getting part of the biographies of world leaders on tape, instead of the printed page, and who better to do this han Richard Nixon, the man in the center of events," said Jonathan Aitken, head of a London group backing the venture. In the article, Aitken, a Con-

servative member of ment, said the series will be marketed to cable television, schools and video libraries in America

and Europe.
Aitken said Nixon will not receive a salary but will get a conribution toward his expenses. The former president could not be reached for comment.

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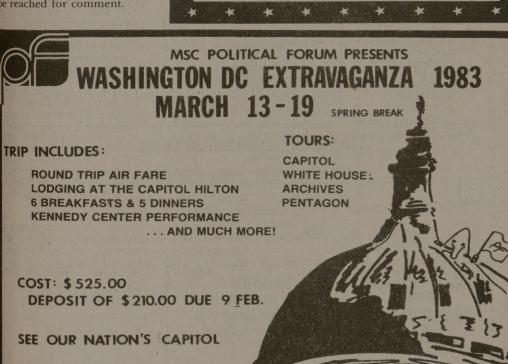
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Reporter says news coverage of Vietnam war was a failure

United Press International LOS ANGELES — A reporter who won a Pulitzer Prize for his coverage of the Vietnam War says American journalists were not critical enough of early U.S. involvement and failed to report accurately the history of the

Journalist David Halberstam, who won the prize for his coverage in The New York Times, made his comments Sunday during the opening of a week-long conference that has drawn together the largest group of Vietnam War experts ever publically assembled.

About 300 Vietnamese re-

fugees peacefully picketed Sun-day's opening sessions on the campus of the University of Southern California. The protesters carried signs calling for support of human rights in Vietnam.

Air Marshal Nguyen Cao Ky, former vice president of South Vietnam, accepted an invitation late last week to participate in a Wednesday panel discussing the war and the Vietnamese.

Ky joins more than 85 U.S. and South Vietnamese policy makers, veterans, former spies, Army generals, journalists, filmmakers and anti-war protesters at the conference titled, "Lessons from a War: Vietnam Reconsidered.'

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ings "an act of self-examination" and said many reporters who covered Vietnam have been assailed for being "too critical"

of U.S. actions. He dismissed suggestions that the media lost the war. "Ironically, we were not critical enough,"

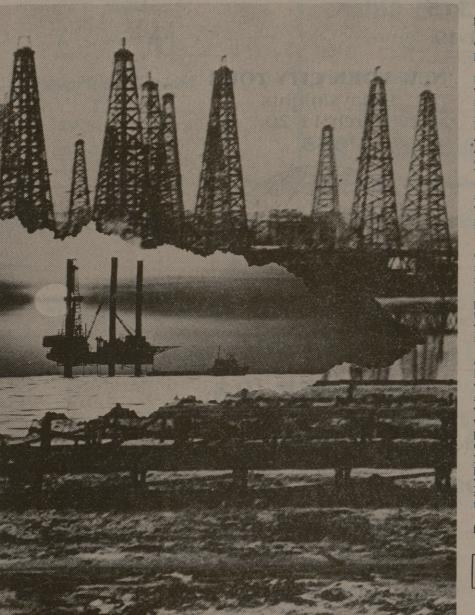
Another delegate said a Vietnam post-mortem is important because the war has been too long "buried in the national consciousness" since the American defeat in 1975.

'I think there remains great divisions about the war and Prize-winning writer Frances
FitzGerald, author of "Fire in
the Lake," a history of U.S. involvement in Vietnam.

"There is an entirely new generation that has grown up without really knowing much about it at all," he said.



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