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# Goldwater Aide Now a Radical; Adopts Anarchism Philosophy

**Karl Hess, 'Idea Man' of '64, Was Influenced by the War and Dissent of Students**

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"I admit to having changed somewhat," said the bearded man as he sat aboard a houseboat moored on the Anacostia River.

Clad in a dark blazer, green denims and matching tennis shoes with no socks, Karl Hess seemed relaxed and confident as he described his new role as a radical and philosophical anarchist.

It is the last role some people would have imagined for the 46-year-old writer and "idea man" of Barry Goldwater's Presidential campaign of 1964.

At that time, Mr. Hess was a clean-shaven, serious, somewhat intense man who shared Senator Goldwater's conservative principles. He is credited with writing the famous lines uttered by the Republican candidate on his nomination at San Francisco's Cow Palace:

"Extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice; moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue."

But today, Mr. Hess's outlook on some of the issues of that campaign has changed.

"We should not have intervened in Vietnam," he said. "If we had to intervene, we should have been on the other side."

"In comparison to Ngo Dinh Diem [former President of South Vietnam]," he added, "the N.L.F. sounds like a bunch of constitutionalists." The initials stand for the National Liberation Front, the political arm of the Vietcong.

## Views Are Shaken

"The other thing that shook me out of the tree was the suppression of the student revolt," Mr. Hess continued. "The S.D.S. [Students for a Democratic Society] was raising essential political questions and the police were beating them down for it."

The twin fires of the expanding Vietnam conflict and student dissent sparked the transformation of the one-time conservative into a political radical. He began to read anarchist literature and to contemplate the nature of his own beliefs.

"I concluded that my enemy is not a particular state—not Cuba or North Vietnam, for example—but the state itself," he said.

Mr. Hess had plenty of time to read and study new ideas at the time, for, as one book



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has recounted, he was having trouble obtaining employment.

In his book "The Making of the President—1968," Theodore H. White writes:

"For weeks [after the election], Hess trudged from office to office of those who once had paid him suit, looking for a post. But no Republican of any stripe would shelter a man so closely tied to Goldwater and defeat."

## Perseverance Pays

But perseverance in writing and a knack for welding—he fashions and sells steel sculptures—paid off. Two of his articles appear in the current issues of Ramparts and Hard Times.

In addition to devoting much of his time to writing, Mr. Hess is an Associate Fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies, a "think tank" with a New Left orientation.

He conducts a seminar there on "the ways in which Left and Right political positions have merged in the New Left."

Much of his time is spent aboard the houseboat.

"The boat belongs to a friend," he said. "I have to point that out for the benefit of the Internal Revenue Service because I am not allowed to own property."

The problem, he suggested, involves a refusal to pay income taxes.

Relations with the I.R.S. over this matter have been "unpleasant," he said, but no criminal proceedings are involved.

"I think it's ridiculous to ask an anarchist to pay taxes. It's like asking a conscientious objector to go to war."

## R.O.T.C. Credit Dropped

BRUNSWICK, Me., Sept. 27

(UPI)—Roger Howland, president of Bowdoin College, announced this morning that the college would no longer accept ROTC credit for the institution.