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to counter-act the myth of idealism turned cynical...that '60s idealists got disillusioned in the '70s and greedy in the '80s."

"It didn't happen to me, and it didn't happen to most of the '60s activists I know."

But things went awry when Hoffman turned himself in. The New York Post and Daily News were calling for a stiff penalty.

Hoffman was sentenced to one to three years in early 1981. When allowed to enter a work-release program helping drug addicts in Manhattan, the Post responded with foot-high headlines declaring "Abbie

Since Hoffman's parole from the work-release program in March, in addition to lecturing he's gone back to working with

Save The River, which is now aiming at the issue of the transporting of radio-active materials across the St. Lawrence.

"You'll probably see ole Barry chained to some goddam bridge up there," he says. He also founded the Central Latin American Relief Organization (CLARO), which raises funds for medical assistance for victims of government abuses in Florence. for victims of government abuses in El Salvador. Over the summer he was a speaker at the Jack Kerouac Conference in Boulder, Colorado.

"I'm out to thaw the ice age and shatter complacency," asserts Hoffman in reference to his new book Square Dancing in the Ice Age. The collection of underground written essays draws its title from what Hoffman calls "the aimlessness of the Carter years, set against the background of a cold cynical, gimme decade in which people sheared themselves off from matters of con-

Students are "just starting to get interested in the issues," he says. "Everyone kind of understands nuclear war is gonna fuck up their career plans, and that they'll likely end up in an unemployment line

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"I tell them, 'you think you're going to sell out?' forget it. The sale's over — so you better start changin' society."

Are the '60s going to happen again?

No way, says Hoffman. "The dynamics of the '60s, namely where youth play a predominant role, is not going to happen because of the demographics, the economics — there was pretty good affluence in the '60s — and there's no technological gap. We were raised on TV, so we understood how to transmit ideas through TV in a way the generals in the Pentagon and the chairmen of the boards didn't. Now they understand it just as well didn't. Now they understand it just as well as we do, like they understand computers a little better than we do." Did he really mean kids should kill

their parents?

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That was more for shock effect and taken figuratively, it meant kids should kill, the 'parents' within themselves, he says. Hoffman, a parent himself, evidently senses the presence of family bonds quite strongly. In the final sentence of his autobiography, he tells his children Andy, Amy and America, "Papa loves you very much and won't say nothin' if you steal this book."



