

BILL COHEN

July 5-7, 1978

Wednesday - July 5

6:15 - 8:30 am Meet employees of Portsmouth Naval Shipyard at Gate #1 parking lot

8:30 - 11:30 am Street tour Kittery with Rep. Lena Durgin

11:30am Walk Kittery to York Harbor via Rt. 103 (7.3 miles)

evening Down East Clam Bake at Bill Foster's, Rt. 1A, York Harbor

Thursday - July 6

day Walk York Village to Ogunquit via Rts. 1A and 1 (9.2 miles) (York Village to junction of 1A & 1 is 5.6 miles, lunch Yankee Whaler - 6.2 miles)

evening Dinner at Barnacle Bill's Lobster Pound, Perkins Cove Ogunquit - Owner Bill Tower is a good supporter

9 pm Participate in Kennebunkport Annual Dump Day festivities and serve as honorary judge in the Miss Dumpy pageant. Shawmit Inn, Kennebunkport

Friday - July 7

day Walk Ogunquit to Kennebunkport Village via Rts. 1 & 9 (11.5 miles)

evening Attend Cornish Fair

Marian Fuller Brown, York Harbor
Clint Mason, Yarmouth
Ed Mackel, Wells
William J. Rogers, Kennebunk

Arrived in Kittery about 5:00. Nancy went on to Masons. Since it had rained hard all day in Ridge, my main concern was what the weather would be like for our prospective walk. Kittery was Fallish and overcast. Schedule calls for Emery to join walk. And I guess Bill's wife will be staying the night in Kittery. Whether she'll walk or not is not clear.

Bill Trask, Jeff Sherill, Herb Hanson, Tom Atwell (Press Herald Reporter), Krista Hutcheon, Steve Wermiel (Globe).

"There are 3 independents in this race and they can easily get 3-4% of the vote. In a race this close that could defeat me. No one knows how it will come out." I may not win. But if I lose, I'm not going to be very upset.

"Have you read Running and Being? It's about philosophy not politics. There's a line in it that captures it well. I run without fear of failure. And I run without fear of success. (That's even more important) But I run so that all my powers are fully engaged." It's something like that. That's the way I feel. The world won't come to an end if I lose. I want to win. The competitive spirit in me is enough to make me want to win. But if I lose, I won't feel that I have to run again to prove myself or to prove something to myself. That attitude came to me after the impeachment business. I felt certain I would lose, and after I made my decision I didn't care whether I lost or not. It made it easier for me then and has made it easy for me ever since. It's time I turned to something else anyway. That's one reason I'm running after 6 years in the House. It's part of my philosophy that someone ought to change jobs fairly often. I didn't run for the House with the idea of making a public career for myself. And I couldn't stand another term in the House. I'm just vegetating there. I'm bored. You can't accomplish anything--you just wait. I can go into a committee hearing without knowing anything about the issue and pick the witness apart. I can do that because of my training as a trial attorney. I can listen and wait till someone gets to the weak point in his testimony and jump in to expose it--just like you do with a witness in court. But that's all I can do. I can't do anything constructive in committee. Partly that's because I'm in the minority. There's a general malaise among the Republicans."

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This morning when I sat with Diane, his wife, and Bill at lunch in Alice's Restaurant, he spoke of how "Most of the guys in the House are of two minds about going from the House to the Senate. The House is more informal, more friendly than the Senate. Paul Sarbanes and--say that it's very different over there. They call the Senate a club, but the House is a club, too--a different kind, one where you feel closer to each other. Take the gym. I'm a gym jock. It was a godsend to me when I first came. The gym breaks down all the barriers. You can sometimes get more business done in the steambath sitting next to a committee chairman than you can in committee. You get to know liberals as well as conservatives. And it helps up on the floor--with amendments. Or take the Democratic-Republican baseball game. That brings people together in the House. Senators are eligible to play. But they ~~don't~~ deign to do it."

He said he had only 2 or three close friends in the House--Railsback, McCloskey, Anderson. Diane suggested Barber Conable and he drew a line saying yes but that was philosophical. (I don't know whether he meant BC was closer or further philosophically.) Diane said they had no friends as couples. "We're all so busy and on weekends, when other people socialize with their friends, we all go home to our districts. So we don't have any friends as couples."

Said 2-3% will never forgive him for voting vs. Nixon. State Chairman resigned and is backing an independent. And he muttered. / ^{"And} now with Nixon making a comeback."

He said he started with nearly as good name recognition in the first District as he did in the second and that this was an advantage.

Spoke of the Kittery area as "a hard one for me. These people are more influenced by the newspapers and TV from New Hampshire and Massachusetts than they are by those in Maine."

Today we walked 8 miles--from Kittery to York. Bill stayed with us for

for about 2 miles and then jogged ahead to be by himself. Dave Emery was a little upset but not very. "He'll get there faster than I will, but I'll do myself twice as much good today as he will." "I remember the story of the tortise and the hare." "The whole idea is to have a car up ahead and one behind. It doesn't do me any good when the lead car is gone and it doesn't do him any good when there's no follow-up car." Which was the case once Cohen left us.

The walk meets people on their turf where they are comfortable and not intimidated (as DE said "by someone in a 3-button suit") and are more apt to say what's on their minds. Idea of walk is to meet people - not "make it" in so many hours. There was lots of lolly gagging at different points--then jogging at others.

I think I need to get to Bill's strategy next. Today I didn't seem to get anywhere. He acted like Emery, and Emery was more forthcoming and articulate about what he was doing. Emery has better rapport. Cohen puts arm or hand on people to compensate.

Emery analyzed York ^{County} City especially French - Democrats.

And he told story on Bruce Pelton's porch about his race vs. Kyros that was excellent. Felt K. was vulnerable because "people always said of him. He's a good politician. They never said I admire him, or I respect him or I trust him. Just 'he's a good politician' I felt something was missing."

"I did a mathematical analysis of past votes in the district. It took me five months. But that's my business--statistical analysis. When I finished, I thought the votes were there."

"I could say a lot of things to puff myself up, but the truth is Kyros beat himself. He was vain and arrogant. He liked the job and the recognition and the prestige. But he didn't campaign. He didn't take any radio or TV. He

didn't send out brochures. If he had done any one of a hundred things, he would have gotten 431 votes more and he would have beaten me."

Second time he won by 36,000 votes!!

When Bill and I were talking at lunch, and he noted that he had strong name recognition in the Southern part of the state, Diane said "The difference will be the issues"; and he said "No. Campaigns aren't won on the issues. They are won by personal contact."

The walk fits in there, surely. At the clambake, he talked about the walk helping to meet people and then said it had "symbolic value" as puncturing "the myth that Republicans don't care about people."

During the walk, the most interesting thing was that Bill ran ahead--leaving me, Emery and the reporter Tom Atwell. He had obligations (of a weak sort) to each of us. Why he did this, I don't know. But both Herb and Jeff noted that he is "a loner". "He hates crowds." "He doesn't like an entourage." And I concluded that the "pack" walking was too much for him, too stifling, too absurd maybe. He made it up to me by coming down to sit with me during the clambake, between the meal and the speeches.

There was the omnipresence of the press--in this case Tom Atwell of the Portland Press Herald and Sunday Telegram was writing about "the walk." (He said as we parted. "It was a lot less formal than I thought it would be. It was almost disorganized. Maybe it's better that way.") He said he probably wouldn't cover the Senate race. He also said that there are 2 full-time political reporters on the Portland Press Herald, one on the Bangor paper and 2 each for the UPI and AP. "There are about 6 full-time political reporters in the state--six top jobs." Said he had the best one he could think of. On the last day Steve Wermeil of the Boston Glob was with us.

Bill said Massachusetts TV was "too expensive" and that they could cover Maine from the Maine TV stations - 2 in Portland, Mt. Washington and a couple of others--Bangor and one way down east, I think.

He said "These coastal people are more reserved than the people inland. Up in the small northern towns people are completely open and they embrace you. When you go into a small French town, the women line up ten deep to dance with you and every man wants you to have a beer with him." He came back to this theme often linking it to St. Johns Valley--where they have birthday party for him each year.

Items on the walk: Dave and Bill getting a coat hanger to help ^{qqy}unlock himself out of his car; untangling the fishing lines of some kids fishing off the bridge; shoveling dirt to help a guy put in a lawn; looking at headstones in a graveyard. "Have you got your absentee ballot applications with you?"

Otherwise, the most notable item was the almost awesome charm of the Maine coastline with its inlets, harbors, rocky shores, and innumerable postcard views. The first part of the walk was like this; then we moved inland and walked in woodsy areas.

Bill said he knew the names of 350 House members. And Diane noted it was hard to keep up with the new ones.

The independent candidate--or the most prominent one, I guess is named Geoghan (?) and he's a devotee of "The Way." The staff worries about him because he'll take away from Cohen. But they think his religious beliefs will not go over.

The mayor of Lewiston--a Democrat Lil Caron(?) came out for Bill and came to the clambake. She got lots of notice during the speeches. The week before,

when she announced, Bill flew all over the state holding press conferences to announce it. It was an excuse to hold these press conferences, I'm sure. But Tom Atwell said Hathaway was in trouble in Lewiston-Auburn area because he's too liberal and people have found that out. And Steve Wermiel wanted to tour blue collar bars in Lewiston to check out Hathaway's condition.

Bill said he'd done some TV talk shows out of Boston--especially regarding his book of poetry and that has helped him get known in southern part of the state. He said book was selling well and it seemed not to be hurting. (When I first talked to him about it he said "I've just published a book of poems. It may have been a very foolish thing--and fatal to my career." When I asked "Why did you do it?" He said "Because I wanted to." When the publisher came to me and said they'd like to do it, I agreed." (or something like that.)

The point is that "Because I wanted to" is a key to Cohen. Like "Why did you run ahead yesterday?" I think the answer would be: "Because I wanted to."

"What makes Billy run?" Bill Trask said he had been trying to figure out "what makes him tick" and had not been able to. He said Bill is very quiet and that he doesn't like to be asked questions.

When Bill said to Diane, "I won't see you till the 15th," he turned to me and said "That's one of the penalties" and as we walked out of the store, he muttered "I won't see my wife for 10 days." They might at Kennebunk he said, "Today was our wedding anniversary. That means a lot to me, and I ended up on the telephone with my wife." Felt bad about it. She had gone to 4th of July parades in different places than he and they had met for dinner Tuesday night at the Charter House.

Are you known as Billy? Do people think of you that way? "That goes back to my younger days, when I was playing basketball. I was known as Bangor Billy." But when I went into the practice of law, I tried to put all of that behind me. After all, people are asking you to make momentous decisions for them, and they aren't likely to entrust their money and their wills to some kid called "Billy". I looked young anyway. So I put on a dark suit, got a pipe, and horn rimmed glasses, tried to look as old as I could. My parents still call me Billy and some of my old friends. But I don't encourage it. Maybe now that I'm getting older, I should go back to it again. Most of my early life was spent in athletics."

"The main psycholocial effect of the walk is accessibility. It's a way of countering the hostility people have toward politicians. It's a way of letting people blow off steam--people who are frustrated at the workings of the system or fed up. They know you will come and let them talk to you or crap on you or do whatever they want. People will trust you more when they know they can talk with you. They want someone they can have confidence in to make important decisions for them. They won't agree with you much of the time. But that's not the main thing. The main thing is confidence. That's what worked for me anyway in my district. I have that residue from from the Nixon period. But-----"(sort of tailed off as if to say, what can you do about it?"

Walks help guage "intensity" of feeling--not new issues or surprises -- except someone jumped on him for sponsoring an osteopathic hospital and "that surprised me" since we are bringing doctors to Maine u

When I asked him if he was going to run this campaign by doing in 1st district the same thing he had done in his own district, he said yes. Then

he said I ought to talk to Chris Potholm "brilliant man, who works with computers and polls and tells me where I'm weak and where I need to allocate my time and so forth."

He also wants me to talk to Tom D⁶atson--his AA for House-Senate contrasts.

Then he went into overall strategy plan. "If it were one one one, against Hathaway in my district I'd win--no question. But the rest of the state will be tough for me. I'm not known and I'm weakest here. Biddeford will be very difficult for me. This walk is designed to give me some exposure down here."

He said that if he could, he'd walk everywhere in the state; but he said he didn't have the time. Said he'd do one more in his district in August and that would be it.

He said he was strong up the coast--Lincoln county and some others I don't remember. That he was weakest in York and needed to do most work there. Said he'd do a lot of work in Cumberland and spoke of the Irish Catholics there. He said Hathaway was rumored to be planning to "take a dive" on the abortion question to "change his position". He said he'd also do a little work in Bangor but that there wasn't much he could do there that he hadn't already done. Said he'd work Lewiston pretty hard because he had "neglected" it and there would be some "erosion" there.

Hathaway, he said is "playing it different--the same as he did in 1972. He goes into the grocery store in every little town in Maine and spends 20 minutes. Then he says he's been in every town in Maine. I say "Who cares?" He's only there once every six years." Wermeil talked about this a lot - that Hathaway won't change this approach - that state Democrats are worried - that Hathaway always gets in a golf game - that he's issue oriented and stubborn on the issues. That Cohen is not Margaret Chase Smith and Hathaway seems to act as if

he is. Steve talked about this all the way back from Miss Dumpy contest.

"If I were Hathaway, I'd take 100,000 right off the top of my budget and put it into Hays Geoghan's campaign. All of his votes will come from me-- people who are against me for Watergate and all those people who reach for simplistic answers."

Re Geoghan he emphasized how he wouldn't run in the primary but ran as an independent and that Stan Joly? the former state chairman was threatening to do the same thing to him in 1976 when he thought of running vs. Muskie. "They hate me so much they'd rather have Hathaway whom they think can be beaten six years later than have me get in and stay for a longer period of time. They are always threatening me. What they don't understand is that I don't care. If I lose, I'll have no regrets. I'll do something else. The Conservatives call me up and say that if I vote for the _____ bill, they'll support me and if I don't they'll support Geoghan. But that's no weapon against me. I don't care."

Dave Emery called the walk "a million dollars worth of advertising."

Bill said of the walk "The symbolic value is awfully important. It shows that here's a guy who really wants it. For me it helps counteract the myth that the opposition is trying to concoct--that I'm too sophisticated, too interested in going to Washington social functions, not really interested in ordinary people. The walk shows people I'm with them."

"On the walk you meet people who don't normally meet their politicians. To them, politicians are people who drive 55 miles an hour down the road. But I stop and talk with them in their homes and places of business, in their fruit stands, on their porches, and in their back yards. These people don't come to organized functions; but they have things on their minds just the same."

Dave said it works best when people are spread out and where seeing a politician is a special thing. "In Portland they'd say 'so what'. But in the rural areas they talk about it."

I noted that the walk gives the congressmen something easy and pleasant to talk about when they meet people, i.e., the walk. How far they've come. How hot it is. Where they've been and are going?

"The people on the coast are much more reserved than the people inland. The people in my district are more expressive. They are as wide open as the land. Truck drivers will drive along and honk their horns. Then they'll go to the next truck stop and tell people about it. Pretty soon trucks coming the other way will start to toot. It builds up and pretty soon everyone knows about it. But in the fishing areas and the shipyards, people don't say much. They are quiet--the Yankee influence."

Dave broke in and said "If they aren't saying anything to you, you're probably alright." But I think it came from Bill trying to grope with a different district and catalogue it. He said again, how girls in the St. Johns Valley lined up to dance with him. "Where else do they line up 10 deep to dance with you? That does something to your ego. And the men don't mind it. They love it." Later he noted that St. Johns Valley was special in his district. When I asked him if this district was different from his he said "More affluent"--but that's about all.

Dave said yesterday--after speaking of his walks in both campaigns and how he won by 36,000 votes last time after winning by 431 the first time. "Politicians would spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to get the kind of name recognition I've gotten out of these walks."

The second day we walked from York Harbor to Ogunquit--up Route 1 most of the way--stopping in the few businesses on the way--a couple of antique or

thrift stores, restaurants, a fish market, motels. A Portland Press photographer stopped and took pictures and when Dave and Bill started jogging up the hill toward the photographer, I peeled off and rode the rest of the way with Herb. I walked about 5 1/2 miles today and 6 1/2 yesterday.

Cohen is difficult to figure out because he's so introspective. He thinks about inner peace some I think and it's hard to figure out whether "his ambition is a little engine" or not. He looks like it; but he says it isn't. Did Water-gate just change everything and give him a chance that he's taking with a devil make care attitude? If so, why did he stay out against Muskie. (He hadn't read Asbell's book and didn't know what was in it even--which surprised me. His wife did!

As we were driving to the place where Bill was going to spend the night--the home of Ed Mackle--the New York County Republican Committee, I asked Bill if he mixed in local politics. He interpreted it in terms of his staying at a Republican's home and he said "No. Ordinarily I never spend the night with anyone involved in the party organization. I always stay with a Democratic family or an independent--someone not known to me. But I'm new here and apparently the politics were such that I had to stay with a party official. That's very unusual. I try to stay away from the party machine. I want to meet people I haven't met before, people who aren't involved in politics, who don't belong to organization. That's whole idea behind these walks. When you stay with someone new, they also talk to people you don't know and so you build out in concentric circles as they bring in their networks. Sometimes the people in the party machine got upset with me when I came to town and stayed with a Democratic family. In some of those towns, they walk on different sides of the street--it's that bad. But I had to explain to them that I can't win without Democrat and Independent votes. When I first ran, I ran against the political machine. They

opposed me in the primary. As soon as I won, I decided to take my chances with the political machine and headed straight for the Democrats."

He told a story of how he stayed in home of Democrat in Lewiston early on on the third floor of a tenement, how guy was embarrassed at first, but put on a big spaghetti dinner, invited 10 friends in and they all watched the All Star game. Said he had terrific blisters and guy was sympathetic. A TV station happened to send someone to Lewiston that same time and they came to ask this guy why he'd put up a Republican." "He said, he's a nice guy, and you should have seen those blisters he had." He went on and on. We got a full 5 minutes of great TV out of that. It couldn't have been better. You couldn't have orchestrated that any better. In fact you couldn't have orchestrated it at all. It was that good."

"The media play a big part too in the success of the walks. There will be a story in paper tomorrow or the next day by the guy who came around today. And there will be another on Sunday. People will read about it more than once. They'll know we've been around and that we are still going. Then I'm on the radio twice every day. I call in morning and afternoon and record a little talk telling people where we'll be. So it builds up. Sometimes newspapermen are very naive about the walk. They expect that when we meet a voter that there will be a big bang--that an issue will be brought up immediately and some confrontation will occur. That's not the way it happens. You start talking about general things, the walk, the weather and then they may get around to a problem. But they may not. Especially if there's a camera grinding away. People freeze when that happens. I don't like to have newspapermen follow me anyway unless they are real good. They ^{stand} ~~stand~~ there taking notes and people don't act normal. The value of the walk is not something that happens suddenly. It's a savoring kind of thing. It builds

up slowly, and newspaper men who don't understand this come out and are disappointed. There are lots of different spinoffs." *P*"I've always felt there's a duality in relation with the press. On the one hand they enjoy watching you rise to prominence. Then when they have puffed you up they enjoy taking a pin and pricking you and watching you collapse. Take Muskie--when he first campaigned everything he did was positive--he was independent, he was vigorous, he had good ideas. His outrage was controlled. Then when he became an important figure they took out the magnifying glass and all the negatives were magnified. He was indecisive. He couldn't act without looking at everything on six sides. He was too emotional. The mole became a cancer, so to speak. It's like the old saying that too much sunlight creates a desert. I remember I was at a party once with Barry Jagoda, who is a press man for President Carter and he said to me 'Bill, the country needs leadership on this Korean thing. Why don't you take the lead. The country needs you.' I said to him, 'Barry you of all people ought to know that the leaders will be whomever the press says they will be. If I took the lead you guys would pull me down as fast as you could. You'd say that guy Cohen is still suffering from withdrawal from Watergate.' The press can make you more than you really are; but they can also make you less than you really are. Maybe I'm bigger than I really am right now, but I'm not going to give them a chance to make me less than I really am. I won't say that to the press. They say that everything I do is calculated. And it is, from one standpoint. When I'm with them I do calculate everything I say so that they will have to get it right. But as far as my career being calculated they couldn't be more wrong. I don't calculate and never have. I don't give that much of a shit. But I would never say that to the press either because they'd say that Cohen is defensive, he's not running hard, he doesn't care about anything. The truth is I don't care that much

about the Senate. I don't need it. I'm naturally competitive in everything I do. But I'll take what comes."

"I had three alternatives this year. I could have run for governor, which I didn't want. I could have run for the Senate or I could have retired from politics. It was a ^{very iffy} ~~way~~ proposition between the last two. I considered very seriously getting out and trying something else. I even thought about it two years ago. After all, I had done something good for the system and I had proven that one man could make a difference. I knew I had been good at my job. There wasn't anymore that I could accomplish than I had. Maybe it was time to move on to something else. But I thought that if ever I was going to make a try for the Senate, this was the time. If it doesn't work, I'll move on to something else with no regrets. I never planned to make politics my career. Things just happened that way."

Went on to talk about being "bored to tell you the truth" with job as lawyer--always knew what was coming--nothing new--got onto Bangor City Council--was good at resolving differences--Hathaway resigned--decided to make a run for it.

This pattern important, because he describes Watergate pattern the same.

"I had no burning ambition to be in the Senate." Yet he also said "Ever since I've been in politics I've wanted to be in the Senate." Maybe not inconsistent-- or was the latter a slip--he swallowed it pretty quickly as soon as he said it.

Watergate brought him instant name recognition "and wide exposure throughout the state" and the country. Said he didn't realize what was happening--that the exposure was so wide. "In midst of it I thought I wasn't coming back that I would be defeated." It was bringing me wide exposure but great polarization. I was resigned to defeat. When the last tapes came out, that made all the difference. People who had written to me in bitterness wrote, many of them to say they were sorry. That made me feel good. All except for those who are giving me trouble now."

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In the middle of last paragraph I should put in the idea that "people who watched the committee began to get a good feeling about what was going on. They could see that Tom Railsback had nearly lost his voice. They knew Walter Flowers had gotten an ulcer. People could see others we were wrestling very seriously with the problem. They felt good. So it was a combination of the wide exposure and the good feeling about the process and the outcome that was of such great importance to me."

But he said that wasn't the event that made him decide to go for the Senate. "I don't know what I'm going to do from one moment to the next." He declined to make Watergate decisive in his thinking of the Senate. Then he said he wanted Senate if he was going to be in politics. The question thus is, when did you first think of running for the Senate? and what were the conditions associated with that gleam in the eye.

"What was that line that Fleetwood Mac sings about it's not the outcome, it's the action. It's the chase that I care about. And I care less about the prize. I don't want to be anything less than thoroughly engaged in whatever I do. And I can do a lot of other things in the big ocean out there than politics." Then he went on to say that "deep down in my guts" I'd most like to be a musician. Then he said he'd always wanted to be pro basketball player. Then he launched into his stories about playing an exhibition with the Celtics in Bangor wearing Don Nelson's huge uniform - catching a pass and being carried into crowd--very funny - shows he can poke fun at himself though he's very serious.

In his speech at Clambake he also made fun of himself telling stories about the walk--one of which had him trying to show off for press by leaping barbed wire fence into pasture, seeing "cow patties" where he was about to land, catching pants on barbed wire and splitting them up the middle. I thought it

had a good effect on the audience, which might be intimidated a little by a poetry writing congressman.

He spoke of the Watergate period as "a horrible nine months"--he talked about how the leadership got the Committee members together every week to try and keep them together and how he would sit there and "say nothing". "They knew from the beginning that they might have trouble with me because I had given Jerry Ford such a hard time during his vice presidential confirmation hearings." He talked at some length about how he pressed Jerry Ford on his opinion of the approach to Judge Byrne during Watergate probe and how Jerry treated it humorously and evasively whereas Bill felt it was very important matter. Bill also felt that this, the first test of the 25th Amendment should be taken seriously and that some other Republicans (Hutchinson especially) weren't. ✓

An article they are handing out says he's a "workaholic," and he may be. Surely he's competitive; but I think that the idea of being totally engaged in whatever he does and being thoroughly tested are what lie at the bottom of Cohen's drive. It's too superficial to say he likes to work. He does. But it's closer to say that he doesn't like being under-utilized. That was probably what got to him when he ran away from us the first day.

When he spoke of the walk he said "I'm taking it easy here. I'm not pressing. In my district people know me and they know whether I'm doing a good job or not. So I'm relaxed there--and here too. Whatever comes will come." I think he also said something like "I can endure ^{this} time"--meaning the walk was not the most fun he ever had. But I can't be sure.

Re his competitiveness, the most interesting thing was that he said "The first time I walked my district I had to go to the hospital three times with blisters, they were so bad." When I asked him what he'd do if he sprained his ankle, he said "I'd keep walking." ✓

On the Watergate period he said that during the 9 months he didn't realize how much publicity he was getting from national television. He said he knew he was being interviewed all the time but had no idea of the impact it was making in the world outside the committee. "I didn't realize how much national exposure the Judiciary committee had given me. I knew I was being interviewed every day, but I didn't know that the proceedings were having such a national impact. I think I began to understand it when I was in Oklahoma once making a speech. I had a headache and went across the street to the drug store to get some aspirin. The druggist looked at me and said "What's a young man from Maine doing way out here in Oklahoma?"

He said everyone is skeptical about the walk when they first hear about it. Remembered how people would drive past him on the road and then double back later to check whether he was still walking. Newsmen also start with a kind of skepticism.

There is also a kind of skepticism about Cohen personally--that he is too perfect. Tom Atwell talked about this when we were at Bruce's house. *Maybe there is no flaw. If there is, maybe it flows from the introspection. Is he decisive? Is there any Stevenson in him?*