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To nobody's real surprise, professional hoaxter **Alan Abel** yesterday confessed that he was behind Wednesday's phony press conference in which a man who said he was "**Deep Throat**" stood up to bare his identity, and then collapsed from a "heart attack" when the questions got tough.

"I wouldn't have done it if it hadn't been a slow news day, or if it had been raining and would have gotten people's cameras wet. I apologize to my friends in the press," said Abel, who has pulled similar stunts before in Washington and New York.

Abel said the "Bill" who claimed to be "Deep Throat," the shadowy source in **Bob Woodward** and **Carl Bernstein's** "All the President's Men," was really **Bill Daprado**, a professional actor.

Abel said he staged the hoax to promote his new movie, "The Faking of the President," a satirical Documentary of 20 televised news conferences by **Richard M. Nixon**, in which the former President's answers are re-synchronized to depict admissions to various contrived crimes.