

Kaufman Pal of Abbie Hoffman

CHICAGO — (CDN) — Ronald Kaufman was a gentle, quiet man — a sedate member of the Yippies — who professed a dislike of blood-letting to achieve reform, the Chicago Daily News learned today.

During the 1968 Democratic national convention, he was the almost constant sidekick to Yippie leader Abbie Hoffman.

"They lived together," said a source close to the radical movement.

"Kaufman was the guy who always worried about Abbie — that Abbie got enough to eat, that sort of thing.

"They gave him the nickname, 'Abbie's Jewish Mama.' That was because he was always worried about Abbie. He would chauffeur Abbie around town.

"He would try to talk Abbie out of doing things that he thought were too wild.

"During the time he was

here he talked about plans to go out to the West Coast to seek alternatives to some of the radical philosophies that were shaping up.

"He didn't go along with the blood-letting philosophy of the Weathermen at that time. He said he was against that kind of violence."

Kaufman, now 33, was an honor student in psychology at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

He grew up in the wealthy Milwaukee suburb of Bayside, where his father, George, who died three years ago, owned the Cream City Glass Co., a

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firm which breaks up glass bottles and recycles them.

At the University of Wisconsin, he won honors in three categories — for his major, general studies and his thesis.

The only complaint lodged against him was in 1960 when his landlady tattled to campus police:

"This young man has a city parking meter in his room."

He later studied at Stanford University, where he received master's and doctoral degrees.

For nine months in 1968, he was on the payroll of the University of Chicago with the title of research project associate in the Psychiatry Department.