

Clip 10 – Nye

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**James Cox:** Nye died of course, in 1960 and that was another watershed in your life obviously. Did he die a disappointed man because he didn't see the government for which he'd worked so hard actually come in to being?

**Jennie Lee:** No. This is another travesty because Nye got so much love coming from all over the world, from every point of the political compass, [during] this last illness, that he recovered from the blows he'd got from some of those who should have been his friends. He was looking forward to coming back into public life, he was full of plans for the future. Our first big holiday was to go down to the south of France to stay with Graham Sutherland, and Kathleen, who was going to paint him. Full of plans because he did not know just how serious his illness was. The prognosis that Sir Daniel gave him was of course—, there'd been a very big stomach operation, ulcer, but he did not know about the cancer and because he was not told until he was ready to leave hospital, I said "Dan, he's going home with his eyes sparkling, full of the joys of getting home again. Now this is a secret between you and George Quist, a distinguished surgeon, and myself."