

Ben Bradlee 1921-2014



■ **1968 to 1991:** Executive editor of *Washington Post*. During his tenure Post wins 17 Pulitzer Prizes

■ **1971:** Pushes for Post to publish *Pentagon Papers* – secret study of Vietnam War – in face of strong opposition from administration of President Richard Nixon

■ **1972-74:** Oversees investigation by *Bob Woodward* and *Carl Bernstein* of *Watergate* scandal which leads directly to Nixon's resignation in 1974 – only time a U.S. president has resigned

■ **2013:** President Barack Obama honours Bradlee with *Presidential Medal of Freedom*

■ **Oct 21, 2014:** Benjamin C. Bradlee dies at age of 93