

G6360 GOIN' TO CHICAGO (USA, 1989)

(Other titles: Hearts of fire)

Credits: director/writer, Paul Leder.

Cast: Cleavon Little, Viveca Lindfors, Gary Kroeger, Eileen Seeley, Guy Killum, Penny Johnson.

Summary: Political melodrama set in the U.S. in 1968 during the race for the Democratic presidential nomination. Tells the story of two families, the McGills (black) and the Leners (white) whose lives become intertwined as they work for the campaign of Senator Eugene McCarthy. Interspersed with newsreel footage of the assassinations, race riots and anti-war demonstrations of that year. Aaron Lerner (Kroeger), a recent Berkeley graduate, goes to Europe to pursue a superficial free-love lifestyle. His idealistic girlfriend Elinor Peabody (Seeley) stays home to work with her friend Eddie McGill (Killum) on McCarthy's campaign for peace. Meanwhile a relationship develops between Aaron's grandmother (Lindfors) and Eddie's father (Little)

Dawes, Amy (Daws). "Goin' to Chicago" Variety 338 (Mar 21, 1990), p. 25.