

West Branch Report

# Hoover Strikes at 'Marx Virus'

(Editor's note: In the absence of the regular feature appearing in this corner, "Prairie-Talk" by Romaine Saunders, we present herewith a resume of a historic speech made by former President Herbert Hoover. The Saunders newsletter went astray. "Prairie-Talk" will reappear on this page next issue.)

Ex-President Herbert Hoover, a grand old man whose greatness was never fully appreciated until he attained the twilight years of his life, scored the "whole gamut of socialist infections" in a birthday anniversary talk last week in tiny West Branch, Ia., the town of his birth.

During his years in the presidency, Mr. Hoover was the object of extremely cruel critics. In fact, attacks on Mr. Hoover were almost a national pastime during the tough '30's. But the venerable Quaker from West Branch, an orphan who rose to wealth and phenomenal success, outlived a good many of his bitterest critics, he has been vindicated by time and now he is accepted as one of the great presidents in American history.

Now 80-years-old, he told his listeners communist agents should continue to be ferreted out. "Our great concern should be the other varieties of Karl Marx virus—among them are the socialists. They assert they would proceed only by constitutional means," he said. "What they really are doing is pushing extravagant national spending which harms the people," he continued.

He outlined the ties between socialism and communism. Explaining that "the end result of socialism is communism," he indicted European socialists for the gains communism has made.

"In the iron curtain states, it was the socialist intellectuals who weakened the freedom of men by destroying free enterprise.

"Thus they furnished the boarding ladders by which the communists captured the ship of state."

A postwar relative of socialism is the welfare state, he declared. Its poison gas is "generated by fuzzy-minded intellectuals."

The slogan of such persons is "planned economy," he asserted. Its end would be "at least a government wherein whatever is not forbidden would be compulsory."

Such thinking, he stressed, overlooked the charitable aspects of a free economy. Since the American revolution, this nation has "recognized and practiced both private and governmental responsibility for the unfortunate and the aged."

Supporting his premise about the destructive influence of socialism was the British "experiment."

"The British under a socialist government tried it. Its result was a level of poverty which British socialists sought to obscure with the term 'austerity.' Britain is now in retreat from it," he declared.

Mr. Hoover ridiculed the idea of a "common man." He labeled the phrase as nothing more than a net to snare votes to support social concepts.

"The greatest strides of human progress have come from the uncommon men and women," he explained.

He went on to cite the need nations have of great men in times of stress. The imperative need, he insisted, "is the leadership of the uncommon men and women who cannot be intimidated, who are not concerned with applause meters, nor those who sell tomorrow for cheers today."

Explicitly excusing President Eisenhower of and blame, he attacked "foreign political policies during the whole of the 20 years prior to the last presidential election."

Insisting he was against every step which led into World War II, he denied the worth of the war which cost the U.S. billions of dollars, thousands of lives and untold human and material damage.

The consequences of the war, the cold war, have proved him right, he said.

Despite the dangers he saw gnawing away at the nation's foundation, he optimistically forecast a great future.

American devotion to religious truths and "dynamic creative faculties," are the moral armor with which the country would go forward.

Because the American people possess these qualities "we are not at the bedside of a nation in death agony," he added.

Editorial

# Crosby, Carpenter: Dead Ducks

Now that the primary election is over and most papers have had their say about why Congressman Carl T. Curtis of Minden has emerged as the new strong man in the state's republican party by decisively winning a political race of top importance, we've decided to conduct an election post-mortem of a sort in this corner.

The facts are Curtis scored a very emphatic victory in his successful bid for the republican nomination for the six-year U.S. senate term over such adversaries as Gov. Robert Crosby, wrapping up his first term as chief executive of the state; State Sen. "Terrible Terry" Carpenter, the Scottsbluff political maverick; Ex-State GOP Chairman David Martin of Kearney, and several others. Curtis grabbed two out of every three votes compared to Crosby, the closest contender.

The general tenor of most post-election editorial observation has been that tax assessment problems are too hot to handle for governors. Most writers attribute Crosby's downfall to his role, as governor, in the 1953 statewide assessment of real estate.

We consider the tax muddle as one of the factors in the banishment of Mr. Crosby from the political scene, but, by no means the most important.

Crosby was bumping against a positive, formidable foe in Mr. Curtis. Crosby's negative showing merely points up how positive and strong was the Curtis position. In other words, stressing Crosby's mistakes, political and otherwise, can't account for the convincing margin the state's GOP voters gave to Curtis.

Curtis has represented the Nebraska First congressional district in the house of representatives for 16 years. The First district contains two-fifths of the state's republican vote. The republicans in the First had been voting for him for 16 years and were perfectly willing and anxious to continue to do so because Curtis has a good record. He helped reduce taxes affecting every farm and city family in the nation. His sponsorship of bills turned into law rank among the very highest, numerically, of any lawmaker in congress. He labels himself as a middle-of-the-road conservative. During the 16 years he spent in Washington, many of his colleagues in the house moved upstairs—to the senate—where Curtis would be perfectly at home. These were mighty plausible reasons why Curtis should win the nomination.

During the past 2½ years the state has lost three U.S. senators via the death route—Wherry, Griswold and Butler. All three were seasoned in the ways of Washington. Many thinking Nebraska voters were convinced Curtis knows his way around the capitol and his experience would help to fill the void created by the succession of deaths. These are more positive explanations in behalf of Curtis. They stand whether Crosby is a good, bad, or indifferent governor.

On memorial day Mr. Curtis saw fit to announce to Nebraska voters he would stand firmly against sending American boys to Indochina. Carpenter and Martin later echoed the same stand. In O'Neill in late July, Mr. Curtis issued a press release declaring that he, if sent to the senate, would expect to encounter "some honest differences with President Eisenhower."

Now let's examine that one.

In 1952 the late Sen. Robert Taft soundly thrashed Ike in primary balloting. Nebraska republicans, apparently, still aren't accepting Eisenhower all the way because the possible "honest differences" appealed to the voters. On the other hand, the Crosby crowd tried to imply a white house blessing for Little Robert. Ike didn't get into the squabble publicly but his aides entertained Crosby at the white house and, reading the press reports, one was to assume a tacit approval existed.

The moral of that phase of the battle can be summed up like this: Nebraska republicans preferred the Curtis frankness and refusal to be a rubber stamp to the possibility Crosby might become a bedfellow of Adams, Lodge, Stassen and others in the GOP left wing now in the saddle.

Curtis enjoyed the overwhelming support of the GOP regulars and benefited from the weight of the late Sen. Hugh Butler, who believed in Curtis.

And there's at least one more reason why Crosby couldn't expect to hack his way to the U.S. senate. No Nebraska governor while in office ever succeeded in waging a successful campaign for the senate.

Somewhere in the jig-saw the tax agony contributed to Crosby's banishment and ruin as a political power in the state, but it wasn't the prime factor.

The number one reason was Curtis himself; number two, First district republicans are accustomed to sending Curtis to Washington, spelling a handsome headstart; number three, the conservative (Butler) branch of the GOP still is very much in power in Nebraska; number four, no Nebraska governor ever made the grade (Griswold spent six years in private life before he got to the senate); number five, tax confusion.

The net result is Crosby is a dead duck; Carpenter, ditto; Martin learned the hard way he hasn't been on the state scene long enough, and The Frontier feels Mr. Curtis will win in the November election and will make a capable senator.

## The National Defense Budget

(From the current newsletter issued by Rep. Roman L. Hruska (R) of Nebraska's Second District)

The army-navy-air force budget requested by Truman for the last fiscal year was \$41 billions. Our congress cut this down to \$34 billions. For this fiscal year, we cut it down to a little over \$29 billions.

Some folks express alarm at the danger to our national defense as a result of such cuts. But the true picture is not presented until we consider the "carry-over" funds from previous fiscal years. Such "carry-over" on June 30, 1954, was about \$52.5 Billions

New appropriations, July 1, 1954, about 29.3 Billions

Total available for spending, July 1, 1954 \$81.8 Billions

Reason for "carry-over" funds: Appropriations are not money. They are simply authority to spend money. No government contract may be signed before money is appropriated for that purpose.

But payment for contract goods is not made till they are delivered. Often such delivery cannot be made till after the year in which the contract is signed. But the money cannot be used for anything else. It is "carried-over" at the end of the year, into the following year, to be ready to pay out when delivery is made.

Examples are found most often in "hardware" such as planes, ships, tanks, ammunition, military bases, air fields, etc.

The task of the armed services sub-committee on appropriations, of which I am a member, is to provide ample funds with which to enable a strong, adequate national defense; and yet to keep the dollar cost within limits which our taxpayers can bear without harmful effect on the country's financial and business safety. America must not spend itself into ruin.

These objectives are being reached as nearly as they can be in the joint judgment of the joint chiefs of staff, the national security council, the congress and President Eisenhower.

When better newspapers are printed, more people will read them, regardless of the radio, television, etc.



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## News, Views and Gossip

BY THE EDITOR

### Miscellany

Imagine the irony when a headline in this newspaper, August 12 issue, boldly declared: "Crosby Wins Senate Nomination." Facts were the headline was garbled with one belonging to a neighboring county in which Crosby actually did receive the most votes. Anyway, the mistake didn't go all the way. Our printer's devil spotted the error and we corrected it. We had no less than 10 bets on Congressman Carl T. Curtis. To collect them the least we could do would be to keep the record straight in our own newspaper, which beat the tubs as loudly as we could for Mr. Curtis, believing he was the logical and best qualified man for the six-year U.S. senate term. Forthcoming O'Neill publicity: Our town will be featured this month in the Sunday World-Herald magazine section, and also will be featured in the September issue of Nebraska On the March, a monthly slick sheet published by the state of Nebraska, division of resources.

### Kinfolk

No doubt many of our readers share with us enthusiasm for former President Herbert Hoover's speech made last week in West Branch, Ia., his birthplace. One O'Neillite has had a special interest all along in Mr. Hoover, the orphan boy who made good. He is Rev. J. LaVerne Jay, Methodist district superintendent for northeast Nebraska. Reverend Jay and the former president are second cousins.

### Big Fish

One of the best fish stories of the season comes via the grapevine from Minocqua, Wis.

where Julius D. Cronin, prominent O'Neill attorney, has been vacationing. The unconfirmed story has it that Cronin, who is not regarded as a confirmed fisherman, landed a 28-pound muskie.

This week he is in Chicago, Ill., where, as president of the Nebraska Bar association, he will entertain at a dinner a group of ranking attorneys from the U.S., who likewise are officials of bar groups.

### Missed Kirschke

When last week's issue of The Frontier hit the mail, telling of the visit to O'Neill of Otto R. Kirschke, 75, of San Diego, Calif., Mrs. Julia Gallagher called to learn Mr. Kirschke's address. She remembered him well.

While Mr. Kirschke was in town we racked our brain to put him onto someone with whom he could reminisce.

—CAL STEWART

### ILLEGAL POSSESSION

BASSETT — Lloyd L. James, who lives south of Atkinson, was fined \$25 and costs last Thursday in Rock county court for illegal possession of a trammel net. Initially he said he was innocent later changed his pleading to guilty. The complaint was filed by Game Warden Fred Salak of O'Neill.

Frontier for printing!

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## Thanks to the Voters

of the First and Third Wards in O'Neill

MY SINCERE thanks to those of you who voted for me in last week's primary election.

L. G. GILLESPIE

# ATTENTION

## Blue Grass Harvesters!

I have already booked a good many people who are depending upon me to clean and handle their blue grass this fall.

There are, perhaps, a number of you whom I don't know about who are planning to have me clean your blue grass when you thresh your stacks this fall.

To help me schedule my work, and to assure a booking for you, I will appreciate it if you will fill out the blank below, and mail it to me as soon as possible.

I would like also to see a sample of your threshings when you start work. Because of limited storage facilities, please make arrangements with me before you bring your blue grass to the plant.

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### When You and I Were Young...

## Lt. Meals Leaving for Philippine Duty

### Record Balloting in 1934 Primaries

#### 50 Years Ago

Miss Mary Cassidy, sister of her brother's name in O'Neill. . . A banquet and ball honoring Lt. Charles A. Meals, who will leave shortly for service in the Philippines, was given at the Hotel Evans. . . O. H. Meade, who is engaged in locating homesteaders in Loup county, was beaten up at his home in Council Bluffs, Ia. Had it not been for his cries for help, heard by the neighbors, police feel he would have been more seriously injured. Authorities say that the attack was made by two O'Neill men. . . P. J. McManus bought the old Fahy building on Fourth street. After remodeling, Jack McManus will move his hardware stock into the building.

#### 20 Years Ago

A record vote was polled at the primary election with the democrats casting the greater number. Tops on the GOP side for U.S. senator and governor respectively were Robert G. Simmons and Dwight C. Griswold. E. R. Burke and R. L. Cochran were their democrat opposites. . . Miss Peggy McLeod, daughter of Mrs. Mary McLeod, and Mark Fanning were married at St. Cecilia's church in Omaha. . . The government is to purchase 210 head of cattle this week in O'Neill. . . The crop outlook for August 1 is the poorest in the state's history. Most crops are near complete failure and those which are not will run about 25 percent.

#### 10 Years Ago

The oil derrick belonging to the Loup Valley Oil Co., in northern Holt county, was blown down by a heavy wind and was badly damaged it cannot be used. . . The Misses Lou Birmingham and Donna Gallagher were the masters-of-ceremonies at an instrumental music recital given in the O'Neill high school auditorium. . . Robert Jonas and Marvella Van Buren were married at St. Patrick's Catholic church in O'Neill. . . A scrap paper drive sponsored by the Lions club will begin this week.

### One Year Ago

Open-house is to be observed at the air force wind test site. The public is invited to attend. . . Robert Thompson, former O'Neill resident, died of a heart condition in Seattle, Wash. . . John H. Burke, 98, one of O'Neill's oldest residents, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Edna Coyne. . . One hundred and fifty Hereford cattle breeders, feeders and persons closely related to the industry converged on O'Neill in the final phase of the annual state Hereford tour.

Page, will help test-fire the army's M-48 tank as well as mechanized flamethrowers and armored machine guns. Before entering the army in April, 1953, he attended Phoenix technical school, Phoenix, Ariz.

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