

Butler's Death Leaves Scars

LINCOLN—The coming August 10 primary election loomed even more important this week as a "make or break" affair for a number of republican candidates.

With the death of Sen. Hugh Butler (R-Neb) eliminating the greatest political power in the state, the coming primary election has all the makings of a struggle by others seeking his "crown."

Because of the many turns of political fate this year, most of the major contenders are running for one office or another.

The appointments to the U. S. senate made by Gov. Robert Crosby after the death of Sen. Dwight Griswold in April and Senator Butler this month appeared at least temporarily to have put Crosby in a top position in the state party. But he will have to survive the August primary in which he is running for the six year term in the senate if he is to keep his place on top of the heap.

Congressman Carl Curtis of Minden, running against Crosby for the senate, is another contender.

And an Omaha politician, whom some considered to be Butler's "heir-apparent" even before the 76-year-old senator died, must be counted in. He is Congressman Roman Hruska, who was nominated by the republican state central committee to run in November for the unexpired four year term of Sen. Butler. Since he is not in the same race as Curtis and Crosby, he could be the other "pole of power" in Nebraska republicanism if elected.

Also being tested in the August primary will be the relative strength of the conservatives of the party and the pro-Eisenhower element. This struggle broke out in its strongest form before the 1952 republican national conven-

tion. The conservatives were backing the late Sen. Robert Taft for president while the moderates were working for Gen. Dwight Eisenhower. This feud has smoldered ever since.

Even before Sen. Butler died the pro-Eisenhower elements were beginning to work for Gov. Crosby in his senate race. Although Sen. Butler did not do so openly, there was the reason to believe that more and more he was backing Curtis.

Hruska had generally sided with Butler but the pro-Eisenhower faction has always hoped that he would work harder for the administration once the mighty shadow of Butler was removed. Significantly, the Crosby and pro-Eisenhower forces aided Hruska in his struggle for the state central committee's nomination.

Furious 50 Hours—But explains it would be easier to re-plan the new alignments by telling chronologically the events of 50 hours which were unprecedented in Nebraska political history.

It started the morning of July 1 when the word was flashed from Washington, D. C., that Sen. Butler was dying of a stroke. That day happened to be the deadline for candidates wishing to file for the primary election.

Politicians waited anxiously for news from Washington. It was expected that if Mr. Butler died before the 5 p. m. deadline for filings that several would be made.

But when the senior senator died at 9:30 p. m., it wasn't long until someone was knocking at the door of Secretary of State Frank Marsh, seeking to file for former Congressman Howard Buffett of Omaha.

Buffett, an ultra-conservative,

at one time had been considered more or less the "crown prince" of Butler. But some observers believed that Hruska had moved into that spot in recent months.

When word of the attempted filing got around, the pro-Eisenhower forces got busy. With less than an hour until midnight they were almost desperate. Finally John Quinn, Lincoln public relations man, volunteered to file. He roused county officials from bed paid his filing fee, and showed the filing under the door of Marah's office at the statehouse.

The next day Quinn explained he did it only to counter what he called a "death virgil" filing by Buffett.

As if events weren't moving fast enough, Atty-Gen. C. S. Beck told republican and democratic party officials they had better move by Saturday noon to fill the vacancies on the ballot. This was necessary because both Beck and Marsh maintained that the Buffett and Quinn filings were too late and that the only way to fill the vacancies was by action by the state central committees of both parties.

The long distance wires were humming as State Republican Chairman William Spear of Fremont State Democratic Chairman William Meier of Minden summoned the committees to emergency meetings at Lincoln.

Meanwhile Buffett was working mightily hard to get the nomination. Against him was lined up Charles Reed, Omaha attorney and a pro-Eisenhower man. But Friday night word came from Hruska that he was interested.

Another matter was still up in the air—Gov. Crosby's appointment to fill the vacant seat until the November election. This was the second such momentous decision Crosby had faced in three months. After Sen. Griswold's death he appointed Eva Bowring of Merriman to serve until November.

So the republicans gathered, less than 50 hours after the first word of Butler's illness had arrived.

Gov. Crosby, known for his surprises, pulled another out of the hat. He announced that he was appointing Sam Reynolds of Omaha, coal company executive, to the vacant seat. He said Reynolds would not run for the unexpired term.

That left that matter entirely up to the central committee. Five men were nominated but Hruska won on the second ballot, 33 votes to the 15 of his nearest

opponent, Buffett. There was reason to believe that as almost the last minute Crosby had thrown his strength behind Hruska. Over on the democratic side it took their central committee just four minutes to choose James Green, Omaha attorney, to run against Hruska.

Buffett immediately filed a mandamus action against Secretary of State Marsh to force him to accept his late hour filing. But over the weekend Buffett's advisors apparently sensed the deep shocked resentment that has arisen over his filing so quickly after the late senator died. On Tuesday he announced he would not contest the matter. Quinn, assured that Buffett would not be on the ballot, withdrew, leaving the field to Hruska.

Hruska is one of the fastest comers in state politics. He cut his political eye teeth as a member of Douglas county board where he stacked up an enviable record. He has compiled a good record in his first term in the U. S. house of representatives.

It was still too early to tell the final effects on the political scene of Butler's passing. But Crosby and Hruska appeared to be the men to watch—if they win their respective elections this year.

Many observers were satisfied the state GOP had given Buffett the cold shoulder. After all, Buffett had served several terms in congress and the Washington scene is old stuff to him. Ironically he more nearly parallels the kind of conservative representation provided by the late Senators Kenneth Wherry and Hugh Butler, yet within the last few years three senate vacancies have filled without Buffett getting a look-in (Wherry, Dwight Griswold, Butler).

Toll Road Talk—Gov. Crosby was to meet with William Stratton of Illinois and Beardslee of Iowa to work out plans for a possible turnpike from Chicago past Des Moines and Omaha into Nebraska. State Engineer L. N. Ress said this could help eliminate such occurrences as at the Ohio and Indiana border where the Ohio turnpike virtually ended in a cornfield, dumping traffic on an unprepared Indiana highway system.

Boating Course to Be Offered—There will be an American Red Cross-sponsored free boating instructor's course at Picktown, S.D., during the week of July 28-30.

Anyone desiring further information or wishing to make application see Sgt. James R. Lyons of O'Neill, Holt county Red Cross water safety chairman, before July 18.

Omaha Here—Miss Libby Latta of Omaha visited from Wednesday, July 7, until Sunday at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Birmingham, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Froelich, and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stout.

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Completing Basic

Pvt. Rolland A. Closson (above), son of Mr. and Mrs. Anson Closson of O'Neill, is nearing completion of basic infantry training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., with a unit of the Sixth armored division. Upon completion of the eight-week infantry training cycle with the famed "super Sixth," he will receive a leave before beginning eight weeks of advance basic training, either at Ft. Leonard Wood or another training installation.

Edward Wilson Dies in Oregon

PAGE—Edward Wilson, 84, brother of Roy Wilson of Page, died July 5 at Portland, Ore., it has been learned here. Funeral services and burial were at Portland.

Edward Wilson was born at Elk Creek and for many years was a conductor in the Union Pacific railroad in the Western states.

He is survived by two brothers, Roy of Page and John of Sacramento.

Visits Lincoln—Mrs. L. A. Burgess left Sunday for Lincoln where she will spend a week visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Warren A. Burgess, and family.

Mrs. Robert Berigan and Kittie returned to St. Louis, Mo., Friday. They had visited for the past three weeks at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Froelich.

Ewing News

Mr. and Mrs. Don Pollock and children of Neligh visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Pollock, on Wednesday, July 7.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ruby and children left for Tennessee on Friday after spending a 10-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Ruby, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Casper Larson.

Mr. and Mrs. William Spence went to Plainview last Thursday evening where they attended th Plainview-Osmond ball game.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo David and Marie were O'Neill shoppers on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Eacker spent the Fourth of July weekend at Grand Island with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Fuller, and family.

Thursday evening guests at the Everett Ruby home were Mr. and Mrs. James Ruby, Marvin and Susan, who were home on leave, and Mr. and Mrs. Casper Larson, Bobbie and Billy Dunaway were holiday weekend guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Billings, while their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dunaway of Hastings accompanied by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dunaway and son, Richard, were on a fishing trip in South Dakota. The Dunaway returned to Ewing Monday and left the same day for their home at Hastings.

Mrs. Myrtle Kimes, who has been a guest at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Earl Billings, and family, is now a guest of another daughter, Mrs. Arthur Lucas and family of Clearwater.

Marcus Pierson transacted business in Wayne on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Closson of Oregon were guests on Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hahlbeck. Mrs. Closson is the former Mattie Slack of Ewing. It has been 45 years since she visited her old hometown.

The bridge club was entertained Tuesday afternoon, July 8, at the home of Mrs. Maud Brion. All members were present. Mrs. Earl Billings was the winner of high score and second high went to Mrs. Lyle Dierks. Refreshments were served.

Pfc. Vernon Rockey of Ft. Bliss, Tex., is expected home on leave in the near future. This will be Private Rockey's second leave since entering the army in September, 1953.

R. B. Krachie is back again at

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the K-B market after a 10-day vacation at the lakes in Minnesota. He was accompanied by his wife and grandson, Jerry Jefferies.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Billings had as their guests Wednesday evening, July 7, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Billings of Neligh and Mrs. Isabel Platz and son, Don, of Chohalis, Wash.

O'NEILL LOCALS
The Misses Karen Donohoe, Lou Moss and Joan Langan, students at Wayne State Teachers college, spent the weekend in O'Neill visiting their parents.

Miss Ann Waters of Omaha and Mrs. L. J. Marowally of Chicago, Ill., Wednesday completed a week's visit with their sister, Mrs. W. J. Biglin.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Fernau moved to Neligh Sunday where Mr. Fernau is now employed in the Council Oak store.

The Misses Dorothy Donohoe

and Rita Purnell, both of Omaha, were weekend guests of Miss Donohoe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Donohoe.

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Right front fender visible by driver	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
Window lifts available on 4 windows	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
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Three or more forward speeds in automatic transmission	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
Accelerator controlled downshift on automatic transmission up to 59 mph (Drive range)	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO
Riveted brake lining	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
Rear shock absorbers diagonally mounted to frame	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
Rear spring length—53 inches or more	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
Parallelogram steering linkage	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO
ENGINE FEATURES					
V-8 engine offered	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
Low-friction design (bore larger than stroke)	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO
Overhead-valve engine design	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
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