

EDITORIAL PAGE

Seeking The Governorship

After Nebraska's two Republican candidates for governor finished talking, "answering" questions and refuting each other Monday afternoon, the audience wasn't much farther ahead than when they sat down to hear the candidates.

Despite this, if the chairman of the meeting were to have chosen a winner, it would have been Bob Crosby's hand that would have been raised—at least for this round.

At the close of the opening 10-minute speeches, Vic Anderson had said something; Crosby had not. Anderson outlined about five major points on how to improve state policies, spending several minutes on University appropriations.

However, the audience had a good many questions for both candidates, and Crosby well overcame any disadvantage he had at the end of the opening remarks.

Are Students Afraid?

Eight University students, four men and four women, were interviewed on their opinions—personal, public and private—regarding the campaign speeches made by gubernatorial aspirants Robert Crosby and Victor Anderson at the Union Monday.

Each one of the students had something definite to say in regard to the YWCA-sponsored speeches. Definite political leanings and beliefs were apparent.

However, not one of the eight students would agree to have his name printed in connection with his or her political statements.

Occasionally The Daily Nebraskan encounters instances of faculty reticence to comment on or to be publicly aligned with some political personage or platform.

Senator Taft And NATO

Charges have been made recently that the Taft campaign in the New Hampshire primaries reeked of smear-tactics and widely-circulated untruths aimed at Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Along with the charges hurled at General "Ike," has come a report that Senator Taft has circulated a note to all Republican senators, members of the Senate Republican political committee, headed by the senator of Ohio.

He emphasized the \$11 billion that has been voted by Congress for Allied defense, and that the United States is by far the leading contributor in the defense of western Europe.

The North Atlantic Treaty organization is on trial in this United States election year of 1952. General Eisenhower, as NATO head, is also on a trial run in this election year.

However, in this rumored maze of political the United States. Knifing and dirty deals, everyone concerned seems to have forgotten the most important factor in the world today which is on trial, not with the voters, not with European diplomats and not with the Congress of the United States.

Since World War II ended, we have had the United Nations, working in every possible way, to insure the peace of the world.

Margin Notes

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower called his New Hampshire backers that he was "proud, by golly, of what they did for him in their state primary election. This happiness generated by General "Ike" is one of the first messages that might indicate that Eisenhower is playing a mighty shaky political game from his lofty position in Europe.

When President Truman and Chairman Frank McKinney of the Democratic National committee meet for talks at Key West, Fla., McKinney might receive a slight dressing down from the nation's chief executive, McKinney urged Truman to file in the New Hampshire primaries where the President received a shellacking from Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee.

Daily Thought

With the political primary race heading into the home stretch, one cannot help but recall the words of Joseph Pulitzer as he launched The New York World: "Performance is better than promise."

Both candidates opposed present proposals for Universal Military training; Anderson opposed any form. Crosby would favor an extension of the national guard program and military training in schools—a suggestion which The Daily Nebraskan feels would be a good substitute for UMT.

Although Bob Crosby was not overly concrete in his proposals for state government, The Nebraskan feels that Nebraska voters need just a little more clarification of Victor Anderson's ideas than the point what Nebraska needs is a businessman to run the governor's office.—JK.

Now Is The Time

It will be interesting to see just how Sen. Hugh Butler back in Nebraska for awhile, will explain some of his senatorial voting policies and answer the Peterson-For-Senate camp's criticism.

The Nebraskan is anxious to learn why Senator Butler opposed the Senate's bill to reform the Bureau of Internal Revenue by placing it under the civil service.

It would be nice also to see why he opposes statehood for Hawaii and Alaska.

In fact, it would be nice to see just what the man who has been representing Nebraskans for 12 years really stands for. The Nebraskan feels voters should know, and now is the time to find out. The senator is here in person.—JK.

But The Daily Nebraskan can conjure up no possible or plausible reason, whatsoever, for students refusing to state publicly their views.

Perhaps Time magazine missed the point in their Younger Generation article when they called us "the silent generation." The eight University students weren't silent. They expressed their views, but they were not willing to stand up for them.

The Daily Nebraskan feels that such attitudes contribute to the forces of apathy toward political and policy-making bodies. If each one of the 6100 University students refused to let people know how he felt about current issues and men, what sort of a government would this country have under the leadership of our younger generation?—R.R.

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Learn the technique of self pity. Tell them how you have to go hungry at lunch time because your allowance isn't enough; but also mention that you don't mind because you realize how much they are sacrificing for your education.

Always remember to remind them that the cost of books has gone up, and you'll probably have to buy a torn, tattered, eye blinding, used book if there isn't more money in the next mail.

School life often gets quite complex, contrary to what outsiders think. At the University of Colorado a freshman admitted robbing a cab driver, stealing the cab, being chased by policeman, crashing the cab into a curb, getting shot in the leg, and finally being arrested.

Detectives said the freshman "cracked up" under his studies.

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What Am I Doing Here?

Bob Reichenbach

I hope most of you went to the YWCA-sponsored meeting of the two Republican candidates for governor, Doris Carlson and her committee are to be congratulated on the fine work evident in the presentation.

My own personal opinion of the "debate" is that they should have stopped the fight in the sixth round and given it to Crosby on a TKO. Lots of people will feel just the opposite. That's the trouble with a deal like that where neither person really says anything you can't tell for sure who won.

Speaking of politics, there are a couple of things that I would like to mention here and now. First, all of you who are interested in backing Sen. Kefauver in the coming campaign in Nebraska can help a lot by coming to the meeting which will be held in Parlor X, Union, tomorrow night at 7:30.

The second thing concerned with politics involves the other political group on campus. If any club which is actively backing some candidate for any office, in the state or on the national level, cares to send the reasons for their support of that candidate to me I will do my best to print a brief, objective summary of these reasons and the names of the people who submitted them.

Some people have expressed the desire to be a guest columnist in this column (at times when I was perfectly capable of writing it), but this solution would be rather impractical. So in order to get the views of as many of the groups as possible I have decided to use the method of summary, mentioned above. Send your comments to Bob Reichenbach at The Daily Nebraskan.

Since this column appeared last Thursday, in which I came out in support of Kefauver, I have had a lot of people ask me if I really thought that Kefauver would make a good president. A good many students, it seems, have been seriously considering Kefauver as a presidential candidate. As I said in my last column, I think that Kefauver is the logical candidate.

The more I find about him the more I am convinced that he would make a fine president. The slate that would look mighty good to me in November would be Senator Kefauver for president and Senator Douglas of Illinois for vice-president. Those are two mighty intelligent gentlemen. By the way, the statement which was attributed to me in yesterday's Daily Nebraskan which said that a certain group of students are backing Kefauver because he is a "prospective statesman," should have read "progressive statesman." There is a world of difference.

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Remember, "GET THE BESTES, VOTE FOR ESTES!"

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Tuesday

Women's spring elections for Coed Counselors, AWS, Barb Activities Board for Women, WAA, and May Queen, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Ellen Smith hall and Ag Union. "Street Scene" ticket sale starts.

YW Battle for Ballots commission, Ellen Smith dining room 4 p.m. Sylvia Krasne, leader. YW Current World Problems group, 4 p.m., Ellen Smith southeast room, leader, Nancy Dark.

"First Glance" meeting in Builders' office, 5 p.m. YW Comparative Religions commission, Ellen Smith southeast room, 5 p.m. Leader, Barbara Dunn.

YW Jobs and Futures group, Ellen Smith dining room, 5 p.m., Mary Ann Pasek, leader. Baptist's annual waffle supper, 5:30 p.m., First Baptist church. Union board member, commission chairman, pool workers, meet at 7 p.m., Union, 313.

Medical Career discussion, Love Library auditorium, 7 p.m. Governor Val Peterson speaks, Union ballroom, 7:30 p.m. Senator Hugh Butler speaks, Lincoln hotel, 7:30 p.m.

Old Guard Butler... Liberal Peterson

By KEN RYSTROM News Editor

Hugh Butler seems to have a tradition of running against every Nebraska governor for the office of United States senator.

In 1940, at the age of 62, when most men begin to think of retirement, Butler, a wealthy Omaha grainman, handily defeated the Democratic candidate, Roy L. Cochran (who was the incumbent governor) by a margin of 93,000 votes.



Courtesy Lincoln Star HUGH BUTLER

foreign policy, was considered by politicians as a victory for midwestern isolationism.

Today, the same Butler—except 12 years older than in 1940—is campaigning against a third governor, the liberal Republican Val Peterson. Most observers consider Peterson, a popular third-term governor, as Butler's toughest opponent during the twelve year period.

Campaign On Policies

But Butler doesn't seem much concerned. He isn't campaigning particularly hard because, as he has said, "things look pretty good throughout the state." Besides, Butler argues, he is campaigning on policies—not on personalities.

And Butler's policies are pretty well known through his record in the senate.

Traditionally he has been opposed to the policies of the New Deal and the Fair Deal—from foreign policy to domestic policy. He bitterly fought the administration's reciprocal trade agreements program in 1946, calling it "a gigantic hoax on the American people" and a policy designed "to destroy our system of tariff protection."

Although he voted for American entrance into membership in the United Nations, he has opposed the Marshall Plan and the Truman proposal of aid to Turkey and Greece. (He called the latter a return to the basic philosophy of the New Deal—"the way to meet any problem is to spend government money.")

He also opposed extension of price control, the first United Nations relief and rehabilitation appropriation (UNRRA), extension of the trade agreements act, first price control administration bill, loan to Great Britain, repeal of the neutrality act and lend lease.

Foreign Trip Reports

He has consistently opposed statehood for Alaska and Hawaii. (He once suggested making Hawaii a county of California.) As chairman of the senate committee on public lands in the 1947-49 Republican Congress, Butler made a trip to Alaska, Hawaii and the Virgin Islands. His subsequent report suggested a few administration policy changes, but it fell far short of raising the furor created by a report on his 1943 trip through Latin America. At that time he submitted a report to the senate and published a condensed version in the Reader's Digest, criticizing the American policy of aid to Latin American countries. He declared the aid was "naively conceived and badly coordinated boom-doggling," on which "at least \$6 billion had been wasted."

In 1947 Butler, with Sen. Harry F. Byrd (Dem., Virginia), introduced a resolution to reform the congressional method of budgeting appropriations by establishing one "omnibus" appropriations bill or a "legislative budget." The bill was intended to "unscramble the mess of government corporations and put spending by such organizations on basic principles of business."

For Or Against UMT?

Last March he (and the late Sen. Kenneth Wherry) voted for an amendment that would have stripped universal military service from the draftmanpower bill. When the bill itself came up for a vote (the amendment having been defeated), Butler (and Wherry) voted for it. It provided for 18-year-old draft, universal military service and training. Butler, however, maintains he is opposed to UMT.

At present, Butler is the ranking Republican member of the committee on interior and insular affairs, third ranking Republican of Senate finance committee and chairman of the Republican committee on committees.

When Butler and his policies face Peterson and his policies April 1, many of the same issues that plagued the 1946 Republican voter will be at stake. Butler is the same conservative; his voting record still follows the same general outline.

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Congratulations should go to the Red Cross college unit for its latest organizational and promotion efforts for University blood donor recruitment. The Daily Nebraskan hopes that the new recruitment delegates will be able to make students more aware of the need of their donations on that rocky peninsula called Korea.

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The Daily Nebraskan wants have a reputation for quick economical results.

When Val Peterson prepared his master's thesis at the University on the subject of the governor's office, he undoubtedly had little idea he would be a three-term governor of the state fifteen years later.

And when he became campaign manager for Hugh Butler in his successful bid for the senate in 1940, he could well be running against Butler for the Republican nomination for that same position.

But such has been the career of a political hardy have foreseen the day when he science major, school superintendent, editor and gubernatorial secretary (for his predecessor, Gov. Dwight Griswold).

Today, after six years as governor, Peterson has set his cap for the senate hatrack. His campaign, thus far, has been conducted on two points: 1. His own record and popularity as governor. 2. Butler's age and senate attendance record.

His Own Record As to number one, Peterson likes to point to the state taxes during his years as governor. Taxes, he says, took the lowest percentage of the state's income of any state in the nation during the period and the lowest percentage in Nebraska's history.

He has promised, if elected, he will try to see "that the principles of Nebraska's efficient government be applied on a national level" and will "fight to instill Nebraska's ideals of law enforcement and decency in government on the federal level." Undoubtedly the "law enforcement" refers to Peterson's crackdown on state gambling and his reorganization of the state liquor commission and the board of welfare.

Butler's Record Speaking on campaign point number two, Peterson has frequently called Butler a "part-time," "do-nothing" Senator. He has released figures which show that his opponent "missed exactly half of the critical spending votes in the first session of the present 82nd congress." He has also attacked Butler for his failure to exert any influence or leadership in the fight against corruption in federal government.

Peterson has invited Butler to tour the state with him to debate election issues. When Butler's campaign manager declared that the senator felt that he should remain in Washington, Peterson criticized him for his lack of interest in the voters. (Butler recently publicly asked Peterson to make up his mind—whether he wanted him in Washington or in Nebraska.)

Pick-Sloan, ROTC Peterson is an advocate of the Pick-Sloan plan, serving as chairman of the Missouri River States commission and testifying in congress against Missouri Valley Authority. He is opposed to federal grants-in-aid for education. He has declared that some form of national welfare or social insurance is inevitable and has recommended that the Republicans work to check an "untrammeled and ever-growing bureaucracy" instead of opposing social reform.

He is opposed to universal military training and would substitute for it expanded national guard and reserve units, as well as ROTC in all colleges and many high schools, with training controlled by civilian school authorities.

On the national level Peterson would reduce federal spending through reductions in extravagance in military spending.

ECA Praise

He has been lavish in his praise of leadership given Europe by the United States. After ten days in Europe and Africa last summer as a reserve officer, he reported that European Cooperation administration (ECA) was successfully getting countries to their feet, that Europeans were heartened by American troop commitments and that much of the success of the operations has been due to the respect Europeans have held for General Eisenhower.

Last October Peterson was elected president of the Council of State Governors and was appointed a member of the Civil Defense Advisory Council by the President.

Peterson's policies provide a sharp contrast to those of his Republican opponent, Butler. The voter should have no difficulty distinguishing between the platforms of the two men.

The only problem is: Which will appeal to the voters of 1952? April 1 will tell.

Margin Notes

Congratulations to Bob Sand, University track star, who romped through 17 hours first semester and ended up with an 8.35 average. Sand seems to be one athlete that won't take the de-emphasis problem evils personally.

Will all the recent escapes from countries behind the Iron Curtain, it is unfortunate someone can not kidnap Uncle Joe and bring him along. It might be a good idea to include Stalin's sidekick, Georgi Malenkov, for no one seems to know nowadays, just which one is running the Communist party.

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