

POLITICAL CONTRASTS

Democrat

By JON McDOWELL

A question that might well be asked of the Republican gubernatorial candidate is: "What do you stand for, sir?" Let's examine Seaton's stand on three major issues: the tax base, industrial growth and federal aid to education.

On the tax base question, Seaton is against sales, income, and corporate taxes. He feels that as long as we have no desire for growth there is no need for expansion of the tax base. On the question of industrial growth Seaton feels it is unjustified to encourage "growth for growth's sake." On the subject of federal aid to education he stands against it in any form.

All of these topics are closely related. If he is against growth how can he bring in more tax revenue on the present tax base to pay for the rising cost of education without federal aid? On none of these issues had he stood for any program. He thinks negatively and offers no alternate program to assistance to those need areas.

Why do we need an expanded tax base? We are the cheapest state to live in in this country. In other words, the total revenues collected by the state when divided by the population gives us the lowest per capita cost for the individual in the nation. However, not everyone pays taxes in this state and it is evident when an examination of the facts on our property tax is made. This state has had one of the highest property taxes in the nation. The exact statistics show that it has fluctuated between first and third depending on the mill levy set up by the unicameral and the legislatures of the other states. Who does pay the taxes in this state? The property owners, i.e., the farmer, the rancher, the industrialist and the homeowner.

The very fact that property taxes are so high discourages industrial growth. The idea that we should fight growth for growth's sake is refuted by the loss of one representative in the House of Representatives because we did not grow—we did not even keep up with other states in the fifties.

On the third question, i.e., federal aid to educa-

tion Seaton stands pat. No federal aid, no federal control. He ignores the fact that this University was founded by the Federal Land-Grant Act, and that this state is already receiving a substantial amount of federal aid put in to the school system. He expects to pay for the increasing cost of education by increasing the local taxes, or as he puts "adjusting" local taxes.

What does Morrison stand for? He stands for an expanded tax base, for growth and for federal aid to education. What form do these propositions take?

The Governor believes that we should have an expanded tax base. What is the nature of this expanded tax base? It could be any of the previous three suggested tax forms or it could be something entirely different. The problem of what type of tax to introduce.

Rather than take a negative attitude Morrison has had committees study the suggested proposals with the positive attitude that the property owner should be relieved of his singular tax burden to the best advantage of the other citizens of the state. This state has grown under the two years Morrison has been Governor. In the last eighteen months forty-four new industries have located in this state. What does growth mean? More revenue even on an unexpanded tax base. More growth, more population.

On the question of federal aid to education Morrison stands for the tax-rebate program—a program which Seaton opposes. In actuality this program makes the federal government a tax collector for the state. Taxes collected from this state are given back to the state to use for education as it sees fit.

The preceding campaign issues are just a few of the many issues that characterize the attitudes of the two candidates. Two candidates directly opposed to each other on these if not all of the campaign issues. Two candidates that display two lines of thought. One is negative and one is positive. The positiveness of one's program equally opposed by the negativity of the other. The choice of this election is between a plan for progress or no plan at all.

Republican

By MARK ANDERSON

The health of unionologists was severely endangered last Thursday night as hot winds emitted from a small political gathering. Fifty hardy souls endured fifty-five minutes of cliches, a few meaningless statistics, confusion, generalities, and upended logic. The lack of fatalities may be explained by immunity obtained from exposure to two years of the governor's speeches.

Morrison got his Young Democrats on the edges of their chairs with the startling statement that this election is vital to Nebraska. To make very sure everyone was awake, a five minute joke was delivered. This was one of the better points of the speech.

The second cliché of the evening was the old standby of the great challenges facing us. One is to find a governor more behind his desk.

Morrison's political reflexes were in good order as he sensed it was time to look at the record—childhood, that is. He learned to read by a coal oil lamp. This is akin to being born in a log cabin or throwing a silver dollar across the Platte River.

After a few more challenges, the audience was treated to another, shorter joke (relatively speaking). That was to clear the air to get ready for the highlight of the speech. Are you ready Nebraskans?

Morrison is in favor of the Land Grant Act! Courageous foresight. This is Federal aid to education. We wouldn't have any university without it. So what's wrong with Federal aid? Morrison has squarely avoided the issue. Don't anyone bother to say the Land

Grant Act is a very different thing than Kennedy's federal aid of direct payments for school construction, teachers salaries, and equipment. This would mess up logical Morrison's case. The governor might accuse one of injecting issues into the campaign which is bad politics in anybody's language.

Morrison refuted all charges of Kennedy influence by saying JFK has better things to do.

Another highlight is Morrison's statistic on highway building. We're not really 49th in Interstate construction—we're 7th! Seventh in the percentage of our Interstate program funds which have been allocated, that is. This statistic is not only meaningless, but misleading. According to the U.S. Bureau of Roads, Nebraska has been building Interstate at the rate of 12 miles a year which will have to be tripled to 42 miles a year to complete the project by 1972.

The day of Morrison's folksy humor and back slapping, is fading. Fred Seaton will make a refreshing change in our statehouse next November 6th.



Troops Needed In Other States

To the Editor:

I am writing in regard to the column that appeared Monday, Oct. 1, ("Looking Up" by Frank Landis) expressing the opinion or viewpoint of the United States' present world position. In return I would like to express mine.

First of all I would like to say this: Why shouldn't the United States worry about the present situation on "Civil Rights" more than the situation in Cuba? One reason I think that they should be because there should not be any problem like this existing in America at all. I am not just speaking from the viewpoint of a member of a minority race but also as a Human Being.

Sure we should be concerned about Cuba's build-up of arms but first we should be concerned about things within our own boundaries.

I say that because of individuals like the author the present situation in the South still exists. How can the United States truthfully say that this is the land of liberty and freedom, when individuals of major races (on the world scale) are being deprived of their rights promised to them in the Constitution of the United States of America.

"Perhaps our troops belong in Cuba instead of Mississippi." I say they do not. If it takes troops to insure individuals their constitutional rights than for God sakes why not.

I feel that troops belong in more states than Mississippi if it will assure individuals their constitutional rights.

If the presidents in the past had brought segregation to a halt, Kennedy would not have been faced with the decision of sending troops to Mississippi. Personally, I think he made the decision which should have been

made a hundred years ago.

The author mentioned also the ridiculous posture that the United States has assumed while under the JFK administration. Well, buddy, the other countries of the world are using the Mississippi affair and others of the same nature for their daily headlines.

Yours truly,
Jo Doris Ramsey
P.S. Perhaps the author needs a lesson on civil rights from Mr. Kennedy.

Inspiring Thought

Let's Quit

Oh Ha!

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