

# The Political Spectrum

Democrat

By Bob Cherny

In attempting any analysis of the election, one fact is most obvious. Lyndon Johnson received not only the greatest popular majority accorded any Presidential candidate, but he also received the largest working Congressional majority since FDR.

This popular mandate was not only an endorsement of the programs and policies of the last four years, but also a repudiation of conservatism, of both the Goldwater and the Taft varieties.

It will probably result in a reorganization of the GOP—we have already heard demands of the resignation of Dean Burch, National Chairman.

Most people agree that high on the priority list of future programs will be Medicare and the anti-poverty bill. In addition, it seems likely that priorities will be given to the establishment of a cabinet post on urban affairs, to legislation to deal with the problems of mass transit, automation, and, hopefully, mass culture.

These next few weeks between now and the inauguration will probably be the busiest President Johnson has seen, even during the campaign. Several of his commissions which were appointed to survey all aspects of American society have already reported. It is likely the others will report before January.

These weeks will be blueprints for the Great Society. We may expect these blueprints to be revealed in the Inauguration Address or in the State of the Union message.

On the state level, we may also expect to see plenty of work done between now and January. Governor Morrison, who has won overwhelming approval for the programs and policies of the last four years, has already asked Lt. Gov.—elect Philip Sorensen to begin a study designed to eliminate inefficiency and overlapping of functions in state government.

From Representative-elect Callan, we may expect the working-out of his pro-

posals for growth in the areas of industry, agriculture, and education and for progress in the areas of protection of natural resources and consumer protection.

The outlook is good, both on a state and on a federal level. Both executives have a clear mandate for the programs they have espoused.

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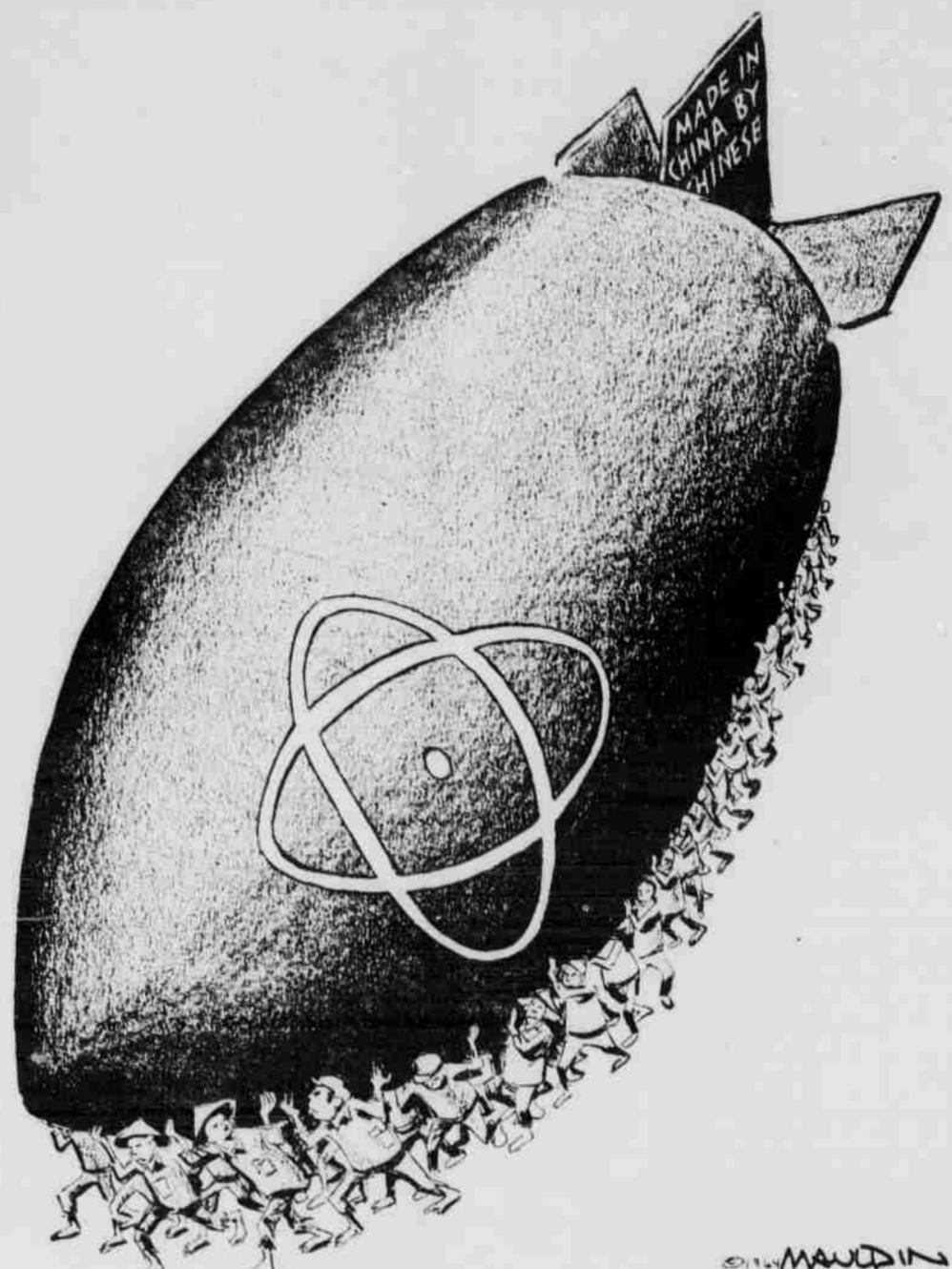


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## About This Time

Every year about this time the campus becomes thick with Kosmet Klub workers, eager to sell tickets in an effort to earn the right to wear an uncomfortable black tux to the Kosmet Klub shows.

Every year quite a bit later, Kosmet Klub workers are chosen on the number of points they have accumulated—six points for every hour spent working on the spring and fall shows, and two points or more for every ticket sold.

And twice a year, once about this time and once quite a bit later, Kosmet Klub presents its shows. And they have good shows, too.

And each year Kosmet Klub members are looked at by innocents for replacements to the Great Society of the Red Hood. And each year someone is chosen from there.

The point is, Kosmet Klub is composed of good people, well, some good people anyway. But every year there are some little people running around this campus to whom becoming a black-tux-wearer is so important that he'll do anything to sell those tickets.

This year a worker has gone to several houses and told them that he, and he alone, has been appointed to sell in those houses, that those houses were given to him. A Kosmet Klub member has taken care of setting him straight, but let it be known to those houses that no one is appointed to sell in any house.

There is, however, a gentleman's agreement that the first one to contact a house may ask that that house buy only from him and if he can receive a commitment, they buy only from him. Also, usually the first one to approach a house, after the tickets are issued, is the one that is to sell to that house.

It is sad that a potential member of Kosmet Klub should resort to such tactics.

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A campus representative for a national college magazine approached me recently and asked for ideas concerning unique campus fads, unique majors or interesting persons. You know, something that is done on this campus that is not done on other campuses, something really fun and different.

Know what? We couldn't think of any. Run over a few of our activities with me. Kosmet Klub Show? They have something similar to that on almost every campus. Woodsies? They have those too, only they take it a little further and have blankets and even electric blankets for cold weather, courtesy of a generator into which all blankets are plugged.

Barn parties? Toga parties? Fiji Island Parties? Hobo Parties? Cellar Parties? Sewer parties? Two-yard parties? Everyone has those.

I give up. Let's turn to things people say. No, let's don't. Let's forget about those. All we do is imitate what other's say—and two years late at that.

One thing, no other col-

lege student can understand our talk. Mainly, because it is void of the interjections that other college students so carefully place in their vocabulary.

Okay, let's forget fads and turn to unique majors. A quick glance through the schedule book shows a few courses that sound a little different, but they're all offered on other campuses, too.

Dear me, we're down to interesting students. Now Nebraska has one product that it continually turns out—uninteresting persons. There's no one that has done anything of great national significance or that is so unusual that he would be worthy of a special article in a magazine.

Are we so unimaginative, so blah that we can't come up with something on our own? Or is it just that I'm uninformed about them? Please someone, tell me I'm uninformed.

If not, please someone, think of something original. I'd hate to see that poor boy send in blank sheets showing what I fear is true.

## Republican

By George Duranske

The defeat of Senator Goldwater has forced the Republican party to ask: What next? If the defeat had been narrow, the answer might be easier to find, but instead the defeat was resounding and consequently the answer may only exist in the future annals of history.

The first question which comes to mind is whether the vote was against the personality of Barry Goldwater or the conservative views which he represented. During the campaign Mr. Goldwater had exceptional difficulty conveying his ideas to the American public. Part of the problem was undoubtedly his own and part of his problem stemmed from the fantastic amount of literature which was put forth by the Democratic party which took his statements out of context and created the image of Goldwater, the mad man.

It is unfortunate that this campaign was so based on personality instead of conservative vs. liberal philosophy, for only through debate and clear presentation of the two philosophies could the truth be known as to whether America has repudiated Conservative ideas or merely one man.

The second question concerns the future of conservatism. The basic problem in trying to answer this question is to try to decide whether a candidate of the future could ever use the word conservative or ideas classified as conservative without having the general public associate the man with Goldwater. It would be unfortunate if America would lose the voice of either the liberals or conservatives for they represent a check within each political party as well as a check between the two parties. These checks are second only to the mainten-

ance of the two party system itself.

The third question concerns the role of the party moderates in the future. Their problem is less easy to solve than the conservative's role for what they do will ultimately determine the role the conservative is to play. The basic problem the moderates face is which one. Which one, that is, is to be elevated to the position of Presidential nominee? Nixon, Scranton, Rockefeller, Romney, or perhaps a yet less-conspicuous political aspirant, have all shown an interest in the Presidency at one time or another. Their problem is unity within ranks and the acceptance that two of them must form a team and the others must help to elect someone else to the office they desired. If these men can come to that understanding the moderate position may brighten.

The entire future of the Republican party depends on whether the moderates can unify and regain control of the party or whether the defeated conservatives can hold control and come up with a young, dynamic spokesman for the philosophy with which they profess they can capture the imagination and hearts of Americans and thereby prove that this country can accept Republican leadership.



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