



NANCY GRIFFIN . . . "Girl of Century."

# Miss Griffin Wins Golden Girl Title

Nancy Griffin, University freshman from Atkinson, was named Miss Nebraska Centennial Tuesday night.

Representing Holt County in the Miss Nebraska Centennial Queen Pageant, Miss Griffin competed against 70 other contestants from all over the state.

Besides Miss Griffin, five of the eleven finalists are University students. They are Rebecca Dowling, Keith County; Linda Brown, Nuckolls County; Vicki Hakanson, Clay County; Janet Johnson, Burt County; and Cherie McCullough, Lancaster County.

Runner up in the pageant was Debby Penry of Hebron. Second runner-up was Karen Goble of Beatrice. Cherie McCullough of Lincoln was third runner-up and Patricia Forsberg of Herman, was fourth runner-up.

Miss Griffin, a Gamma Phi Beta pledge, was also voted Glow Girl by the other contest entrants and was

presented with the Miss Congeniality trophy.

To fulfill her official duties as Nebraska's Centennial Queen Miss Griffin will have to leave the University next semester for a year.

"The experience will be worth having to leave school," Miss Griffin declared, and "I'll be able to make up some of my courses in summer school."

The Centennial Queen was salutatorian of her high school class, a member of the National Honor Society and was a Girl's Stater.

As her first official appearance, Miss Griffin will ride on the Nebraska float in the Rose Bowl parade. She will also be Nebraska's representative at the Alaska Centennial.

Nebraska's Golden Girl received a 1967 Oldsmobile, \$500 in cash, \$25 thousand life insurance policy for her reigning year and a \$1,000 scholarship and other prizes totaling approximately \$10 thousand.

# YR's, YD's Reorganize With 'Political Education'

With campaign efforts for the 1966 elections completed, both University Young Democrats and Young Republicans are beginning to organize their forces for the 1968 push.

Each group is embarking on "political education" phases. The clubs are planning programs to inform students about issues and nationally prominent Republicans and Democrats.

According to YD president Sabra McCall, the purpose now will be to "revitalize the Young Democrats." Miss McCall predicted that both groups may lose membership in this post-election period, adding that a certain amount of "letdown" was involved for the loser.

On the other hand, YR president Cathie Shattuck did not anticipate a YR membership decrease. She said that more memberships have been sold since the elections.

Miss Shattuck pointed out that while right now there is "not the glamour of an election campaign, the overall glamour of politics remains."

The Young Republicans are preparing for the state convention next year. Miss Shattuck said that the University YR's will probably have the largest delegation of any state club.

Miss McCall said that no more Democratic conventions are being planned for this year.

Miss McCall said that one committee of the Young Democrats is investigating possibilities for community service in Lincoln, but added that the club's primary purpose for the rest of the year will be to advance the Democratic cause.

Both groups plan to invite speakers to their campus meetings, the YR's plan to invite state senators and Governor-elect Norbert Tiemann, and the YD's expect speakers from state Democratic organizations as well as senior members of the party.

Miss McCall said that her group plans to work closely with the new Democratic headquarters in Lincoln, set up after the GOP 1966 Nebraska victories.

Miss Shattuck said that Young Republicans may work with the proposed Nebraska Free University in giving seminars in politics and international affairs.

# Marxism Is 'Spiritual Force' In Viet Nam

**EDITOR'S NOTES**—The following is an installment of a series on the Viet Nam war written by Howard Moffett, former editor of the Yale Daily News. Moffett is a fulltime correspondent for the Collegiate Press Service and is presently working in Saigon.

**SAIGON**—It is one of the major ironies of contemporary history that Marxism, rooted in a thoroughly materialistic concept of man, has in the hands of Mao Tse-tung, Lin Piao, Ho Chi Minh and Vo Nguyen Giap become the most powerful spiritual force in Asia—while the United States, which claims a Judeo-Christian heritage, has sought to counter that force with increasing amounts of military and material aid.

In country after country of the third world, Mao has sounded the battle cry for a threadbare struggle to the death against U.S. imperialism and its lackeys; and time after time America has called for peace with honor and cooperation among nations, and has poured in more weapons and dollars to check the spiritual tide.

The paradox is rooted in the American view of the world.

**Post-Ideological Era**  
American intellectuals often speak of the present as a post-ideological age. One reason, certainly, is the decline in influence of our Judeo-Christian heritage.

Another is that American and European societies are now comparatively free of the internal class conflicts which ideologies are invoked to explain.

Perhaps, for lack of a dialectical content to our own new ideology, American society is increasingly preoccupied with a subtle variation of the "might makes right" theme: to wit, that technology, emotional detachment, and hard work will solve any problem if applied in large enough doses.

The Asian view of the world—and the Viet Nam war—is often quite different. Much of Asia still has deeply-rooted class conflicts. The gulf between rich and poor is so stark that most people do not like to talk about it.

At the same time American technology and our emphasis on the Three EK's—effort, efficiency and effectiveness—produce conflicting reactions.

**Over-Eager Advisors**  
On the one hand, over-eager American advisors are indulged like children who come running in to tell their parents they have the answer to an insoluble problem.

On the other, Asians are impressed by power and prosperity—especially power. They trace past defeats and loss of face to the superiority of Western technology, and they see technology as the key to winning back that lost power and dignity.

Most Asian societies are poor, predominantly agricultural, and anxious to vindicate their national pride.

They are watching China very carefully. It is natural that the emotional appeal of Marx and Mao would weigh heavily here, especially to those convinced of the historical inevitability of the victory of People's War.

The fact that Americans themselves are generally more impressed with their technology and wealth than with their democratic social institutions merely proves to these Asians the bankruptcy of American ideals and the rightness of their own cause.

**Asian Idiom**  
There are other Asians who seem genuinely to value Western democratic ideals, and who are searching for an Asian idiom to express them.

Hitherto it has been elusive: objective conditions in Asia are much more favorable to the Marxist interpretation of social history than to the Lockean.

Another sizable group of Asians understands full well why Americans are more impressed with their technology than with their democratic social traditions.

Practical people, they recognize and seek the prerequisites of power. Many of them feel that though Chinese ideology is more fitted to today's Asia, and therefore carries greater emotional appeal, tomorrow's Asia must embrace Western technology, and by implication Western aid, if it is to arrive in the modern world.

**Gun-Barrel Power**  
In one of his more didactic moments in 1963, Mao said, "Political power comes from the barrel of a gun."

So the race is on, with Asian communists trying to make major breakthroughs in technology or war in time to thwart the immense appeal of West-

ern aid to poorer or underdeveloped Asian nations.

And who is winning? There have been several test cases in the past year. Though the results are necessarily permanent, they have generally spelled a series of major disasters for the Chinese.

It is on South Viet Nam that China and the U.S. are focusing all the influence and pressure they can bring to bear in a massive struggle for ideological, political, diplomatic, economic and military control over this strategic border land.

The fact that China does not have ground troops operating in South Viet Nam, and the fact that private U.S. commercial interests in Indochina are eligible (only about \$6 million in permanent investments), do not lessen the intensity of the conflict.

**Academic Argument**  
Similarly, in this international game of power politics, it is academic to

argue over whether the Viet Cong is supported or dominated by Hanoi, or Hanoi by Peking. A victory by the Viet Cong would be a victory for Ho Chi Minh and a victory for Mao Tse-tung and Lin Piao.

It would prove the historical inevitability of the Victory of People's War, i.e. revolutionary war against the bourgeois nations, and restore to China her long-lost initiative as the dominant political force in Asia. It would make her a winner.

And it would make the United States the biggest loser in Asian history. It would be a stunning setback to "capitalist" as opposed to "socialist" technology. It would demonstrate the failure of Western-type political, economic, and social institutions in Asia. It would allow Mao to write Chinese characters on the wall. Losers don't last.

# Figures Criticizes Black Power

No overwhelming progress will be made in Alabama for 20 years in the area of civil rights, said Michael Figures, University exchange student from Stillman College.

Figures, a native of Mobile, Ala., spoke Tuesday to Friends of the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), giving his views on the civil rights movement in the South.

"I don't think anything can help Alabama because it's 75 per cent avid segregationists," stated Figures.

He said however, that certain areas of the state had "come around", citing Mobile as an example of an area of progress.

Stating that his life has been affected by the movement, Figures criticized

Stokely Carmichael's black power policy as having been detrimental to the cause of civil rights.

"The people didn't know what it was and I don't think it has been clarified yet," explained Figures.

He said that at first black power had seemed to be a militant move and caused a split in the civil rights front. According to Figures, latent Southern white hostilities had been aroused because of the black power concept.

"Lester Maddox couldn't have been elected in Atlanta four years ago," said Figures.

He saw the Maddox election as the effect of white backlash in the South, though he could see no national effect from this backlash.

Figures stated that the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) has been the most beneficial civil rights group in the movement because of its willingness to take direct action on immediate problems.

Also Figures noted that SNCC alone had tried to involve young Negroes.

"As far as I can see the NAACP has never done anything material," said Figures referring to the work of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

According to Figures, the NAACP works in the cities with governmental apparatus, while SNCC works from the city into the surrounding counties on direct problems.

# Pickers Urge Class Boycott To Protest Berkeley Arrests

Activities ranging from soapbox forums to Berkeley student demonstrations have kept students across the country occupied during the interlude between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Pickers standing at the gates of the Berkeley campus urged students to stay away from classes as a protest to on-campus arrests of students protesting the Navy recruiting there.

Among those urging students to protest was Mario Savio, a non-student, who was the leader of the 1964 protest which disrupted classes with demonstrations for greater on-campus political activity.

When warrants were issued, activity shifted from a sit-in to a near-rift. Ten persons were arrested. Most were charged with assaulting police and resisting arrest. Four of those arrested were students.

An Oklahoma State student who told police he had drunk two bottles of wine was coaxed down from atop a construction crane after spending an hour 200 feet

above the street level, the O'Collegian reports.

Police said Daniel Warren Magpie began his climb about 5:30 p.m. He climbed about 100 feet up the verticle part of the crane and then out across McGee Street and to the top, 40 feet over the top of the Pickwick Motor Inn.

He was taken to a psychiatric receiving center after being coerced with the promise of a warm breakfast.

Magpie has a record of five arrests in Kansas City, all for intoxication.

Spontaneous pep rallies, only loosely related to football have plagued the campus of the University of South Carolina, the Gamecock reports.

Male students gathered and moved together toward women's dorms cheering for a victory over Clemson, the school's arch rival.

At several points the pep rallies took on a different air as the students began to shout obscenities toward the women's residence halls and toward campus police and officials.

There were several false fire alarms and several pairs of panties were tossed from girls' dormitory windows in the succession of spontaneous pep rallies.

Students at Minnesota used their Soapbox Forum, equivalent to NU's Hyde Park, to air complaints about everything from the cost of hamburgers at the Minnesota Union to Viet Nam.

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