

... City, State, National, World Week In Review

Marvel Asks For Development Board

Lincoln (P)—The chairman of the Legislature's Budget Committee said Monday the 1967 Legislature should create a statutory board to coordinate development of higher education in Nebraska.

Senator Richard Marvel of Hastings said creation of such a board would be "a major step" toward eventual state control and support of all public institutions of higher education.

"The state cannot afford the costs of continued uncoordination," Marvel said. "Higher education has developed in a topsy-turvy fashion."

"The time has come to develop guidelines in higher education and establish a board to see that the guidelines are followed."

Marvel said he will introduce the implementing legislation if no one else does.

The co-ordinating board would not replace the University Board of Regents or the state colleges' Normal Board, Senator Marvel said.

However the board would oversee the operations of the University, four state colleges, the University of Omaha, junior colleges and public vocational technical schools, he said.

Marvel noted that institutions of higher education have joined in forming a voluntary co-ordinating council but, "A board to be ultimately successful has to have statutory authority."

He also said that the University of Omaha and the junior colleges are in "serious financial trouble" and will need state aid to provide sound educational programs.

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Wiretap Causes RFK, Hoover Clash

Senator Robert F. Kennedy and FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover have disagreed over which one authorized the wiretapping and electronic eavesdropping which has jeopardized many Federal prosecutions, past and present.

Senator Edward V. Long of Missouri has said he will invite Kennedy and Hoover to testify before his Senate Subcommittee on Administrative Practices and Procedures. "An on-the-record hearing is necessary," Senator Long said.

Acting Attorney General Ramsey Clark has said the Justice Department is reviewing a number of pending cases plus a few in which convictions have been obtained, to determine whether any of the evidence was gained through wiretapping or electronic eavesdropping.

Among the prosecutions endangered is that of Bobby Baker, former Senate Democratic majority secretary, whose case involving nine charges of income tax evasion is before a Federal District Court, here.

Whatever the outcome, the fact remains that in June 1965 President Johnson ordered all Federal agencies to stop wiretapping and electronic eavesdropping except in cases involving national security.

Hoover said Kennedy knew all about FBI wiretapping and eavesdropping when

Kennedy was Attorney General during 1961-64.

Kennedy said he knew nothing about such things.

At that time U.S. Solicitor General Thurgood Marshall appeared before the United States Supreme Court and disclosed that the FBI had eavesdropped on the Washington hotel quarters of Fred Black Jr., a onetime business associate of Baker's.

Black had been convicted of evading \$91,000 in income taxes and was given a prison sentence of 15 months to four years.

Marshall implied that the bugging had been done without the knowledge of the Attorney General's office.

Subsequently Black's conviction was nullified.

In the wake of the Black episode, the Justice Department filed a brief with the Court which said the FBI had been authorized by Hoover to engage in eavesdropping under written and oral orders of Attorney Generals back through the Eisenhower administration.

Hoover gave his permission, Marshall reported, in cases beyond national security. Bugging was approved, the Solicitor General said, in investigations involving "internal security or national safety, including organized crime, kidnappings and matters where human life must be at stake."

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Hodgson Predicts Failure ...

Christmas Truces 'Have Not Worked'

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As a general rule, Christmas truces "have not worked," according to history instructor David Hodgson.

Hodgson said that last year's truce in Vietnam was "hardly absolute," and doubted whether this year's

would last beyond 48 hours. He added that he could collect no "shining example" of a lasting and effective holiday cease-fire.

He pointed to a time in World War I during which Americans did not start anything and merely stayed in the trenches over Christmas, but added that the firing did not stop until the armistice.

In fact, George Washington engineered the famous attack across the Delaware over the holidays because of the advantages of surprise and bad weather.

Isolated Examples

Hodgson said that during the Civil War there were isolated examples of good feeling when enemy pickets would lay down their arms to carol and barter. He said that such instances were not unusual throughout this war, any time in the year.

He stated that in earlier times warfare was not a "continuous process," and a lull in the fighting might just conveniently coincide with Christmas.

Hodgson said that the calls of ecclesiastical authorities for religious truces have not exerted much weight on American history and politics.

Even during the 30 Years European Religious War, Hodgson said that he could remember no instances of such Christmas truces.

During the Spanish American War, Christmas 1898 marked the end of the conflict and the lull was the wait for evacuation of Spanish forces from Cuba.

Lull In 1915

During World War I, a holiday lull in 1915 was informal, following intense fighting and heavy losses by Germans and French.

In 1940 Berlin instructed its air force not to attack Britain over Christmas, but many Britons spent the holiday in shelters anyway during the 48-hour lull. Throughout the rest of the war there were virtually no celebrations at the front.

One of the heaviest battles of World War II, the Battle of the Bulge, was fought

during the 1944 holidays. Hodgson said that while there were isolated celebrations, World War II witnessed no general laying down of arms over Christmas.

He added that there have been "split political opinions" throughout history on this issue of Christmas truces, with at least one faction on each side claiming "God is on our side."

Vietnam Difficulty

He said that there is not as much validity for a Christmas truce in the Vietnam war, since other than the American forces "at least one side and a substantial part of the other do not even believe in God."

Last year violations of the truce were claimed by both sides. Hodgson said that the Communists, recognizing the political impact, were the first to officially propose this year's truce.

Hodgson said that the Communists may use this for political advantage, combining it with a "myth

in their circles" about the size of United States pacifism movements.

Even so, a soldier may take the initiative to fire on an enemy if he thinks the enemy is hostile, according

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to Hodgson. Then the enemy becomes hostile and fires back, creating a "self-starting" incident. He compared this to the "self-starting" Model A Ford.

Five Coeds Sell Hams To Win Title

Consecutive records have been set every year for the number of Block and Bridle hams sold and hopefully this year will be no different. "The great ham race is on," according to Tim Talbott, ham sales chairman.

The Block and Bridle Club is conducting their annual ham sales through next Tuesday. Five coeds, Nancy Conful, Jo McDowell, Vicki Nodlinski, Linda Salisbury and Louise Wallace are vying for the title of Miss Block and Bridle. Whoever sells the most hams will be crowned at a dance on February 4.

Each candidate has four club members assisting her. Hams may be brought from any Block and Bridle member.

The ham campaign is the annual money-raising project of the club. "We hope to sell around 2000 hams before the campaign closes. This will net the club about \$1500," said Talbott.



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