

# YD's Defeat Viet Nam Resolutions; Oldfather Defines NCD Objectives

Two conflicting resolutions concerning the War in Viet Nam were defeated Thursday night at the Young Democrats meeting on the grounds that they were premature.

YD member Lyla Hamilton presented the first resolution supporting the effort of the Nebraska Concerned Democrats who are working toward an end to the Viet Nam war.

Tom Dean, a member of the YD Central Committee, presented the second resolution calling for the support of President Lyndon Johnson in the 1968 presidential elections.

Dean said that by rejecting Johnson, the Young

Democrats would in effect be rejecting such good programs the Administration has provided as the war on poverty, besides rejecting his stand on the Viet Nam issue.

### YD NEUTRALITY

However, it was pointed out that the resolution was premature since Johnson has not officially announced his candidacy for the 1968 presidential elections.

Other members said that the state constitution of the Young Democratic Party provides that the YD's as an organization should remain neutral in support of candidates and issues up to the time of the National Democratic Convention.

Guest speaker Mike Oldfather, chairman of the Nebraska Concerned Democrats (NCD), said that the term "dump Johnson" as applied to his movement does not truly reflect the people involved in the organization.

He said that the Concerned Democrats have adopted a program of two alternatives, either to effect a change in Johnson's policy on Viet Nam so that the NCD can support him if he fails to alter his policy of commitment.

"If he doesn't change his policy, we don't know exactly what course of action we'll take. It's too early to tell if we will support the

Republican nominee," Oldfather said.

He added that the Republicans may not bring forth a responsible and intelligent candidate because they have not done so in the past and probably will not do so in the future.

"If you have carefully examined all the alternatives, the costs of the war in terms of the programs not being funded, and if you recognize the tremendous unpopularity of Johnson's war policy and the damage it has done to the Democratic party, then you will agree that Johnson is not the man to win Nebraska votes," Oldfather said.

"We've got a tough fight," Oldfather said. "I think it is right and important that we get out of Viet Nam based on the public support of such a move."

### GRACEFUL WITHDRAWAL

Oldfather added that we should withdraw "as gracefully as possible."

He felt that negotiations at this point are impossible because of the rigid requirements for a settlement set by both Hanoi and the U.S.

The U.S. should stop bombing North Viet Nam, stop offensive actions, and then pressure the South Vietnamese government to find a common ground for

negotiation, with a national liberation front, to settle with the North since both countries must co-exist, Oldfather said.

He added that this was only a general policy and that the NCD has not adopted a specific policy for two reasons: options and diplomatic channels open now may not be open next year, and the exact policy should be left up to the candidate once he is endorsed.

Oldfather said that national bargaining power has weakened support of the war in Viet Nam because national sentiment is strongly against involvement.

He said that the U.S. was wrong to become involved in Viet Nam in the first place, adding that the U.S. should have stayed only as long as the local government pledged itself to a program of economic and social development without war, as in Laos.

Oldfather felt that his movement to change the policy in Viet Nam was justified because it is a sophisticated and sincere effort rather than a movement supported by longhairs who don't take baths.

"If you can tell me how to change policy without public dissent, I welcome the alternative," he said.

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# Two Balloting Machines Shown In YR Display

Students will have an opportunity to examine two types of modern voting machines in the Nebraska Union, Monday, according to Phil Bowen, Young Republicans president.

He said the two machines on display in the small art gallery were loaned to the University YR's by Nebraska's Department of State, through Allan Beerman, Deputy Secretary of State.

Nebraska is one of three states that currently do es

not use voting machines, Bowen pointed out.

One of the machines on display is an IBM model which uses punch-out, mark-sense cards. These cards can be processed by a computer in a fast, inexpensive way. Bowen said the one drawback to the IBM machine is that write-in voting is very difficult.

The other one on display, an \$1800 automatic voting machine, can be used by up to 80 people per hour, he said. Results from the ma-

chine can be tabulated within a minute after the polls close.

Bowen said the machines are set up to process the Hall County elections that were held in 1966. Hall County was interested in purchasing them at the time.

"Next spring the State Department will reset the machines for a Presidential primary, similar to the May 14 all-Star primary," he said. Students will be able to use them in a mock primary here at the University."

# Humphrey: Trend Begins Toward U.S. Isolationism

By BRUCE GILES

(Editor's Note: The Daily Nebraskan Editor represented the University of Nebraska chapter of Sigma Chi, national journalism society, at Minneapolis, Minn. last week.)

Minneapolis, Minn.—Vice President Hubert Humphrey warned of the emergence of a new isolationism in the United States at the 58th convention of Sigma Delta Chi.

He said the trend toward isolationism is indicated "in the strong, well-organized effort now being mounted to turn back our long-standing policy of liberalizing international trade . . . in the recent attacks on foreign aid; in the arguments now being made against international obligations, and finally, in the assault we see today against the domestic war on poverty and other programs designed to life all Americans into the social and economic mainstream."

In the United States, Humphrey said, there is a feeling that we have come too far, too fast in working toward full equality of opportunity.

On the international scene there are those who say "that we are trying to do too much abroad, that we should take care of ourselves," the Vice President said.

This questioning on the part of some Americans has caused Asian nations to ask whether the United States will abandon the Asian countries and whether the United States has the will to persevere.

"Asian leaders, without exception, have made clear to me that were we to abandon our role in Asia, were we to pull back before they could fully stand on their own feet — which they are desperately trying to do — they would be under immediate pressure to come to terms with the militant, aggressive Asian communism which they have resisted for 20 years," Humphrey said.

The Johnson administration does not propose to isolate or attack or inflame Communist China, the Vice President noted.

"What I do propose—and what our President proposes — is that we follow in Asia the same course which we have so successfully followed in Europe: a dual policy of firmness and of willingness to peacefully co-exist," he explained.

Humphrey pointed out that the administration pol-

icy will give free nations time "to strengthen themselves against internal subversion and external aggression" and time for a new generation of Asian communist leaders "to turn away from militancy and toward a new era of inter-

national development and international coexistence."

"I think we must continue our full national involvement not only in building a conditions in their own countries of human betterment and progress," he added.

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