The Chancellor's either-or world

A group of influential faculty members tried last week to dissuade the Regents from granting Chancellor Clifford Hardin a one-year leave of absence to serve as Secretary of Agriculture. Although they were not successful, both the faculty members and the Lincoln Journal brought up some excellent points concerning the current arrange-ment that the Regents will have to keep in mind.

Although the dissidents agree almost to a man than Chancellor Hardin has been an excellent administrator and will make a fine Secretary of Agriculture, they expressed concern about Hardin's attempt to have the best of both worlds, or perhaps the attempt of both worlds to get the most from Chancellor Hardin.

The faculty's primary concern is that the University will be left up in the air for a fairly extended period of time; that Acting Chancellor Merk Hobson, whatever his talents, will be hamstrung while Hardin is deciding whether or not he will stay in Washington, and that long-range University programs will suffer.

THIS ARGUMENT is valid. Although it is normal for a University to have an acting Chan-cellor for some time before a new Chancellor is appointed, it is not normal for the University to refuse to search for a permanent Chancellor during this time. If Chancellor Hardin decides in April or May, or even some time next fall, that he will complete his term as Secretary of Agriculture, the University will be just that far behind in the search for a new administrator.

University concerns aside, the dissidents point out that the current arrangement is unfair to President-elect Nixon, because he should be able to rely on Hardin's presence for at least the next four years. It is difficult to understand how a temporary Secretary of Agriculture is going to be able to direct the kind of far-sighted programs that our farmers so badly need.

IT SEEMS THE RESULT of all this manuevering is a University with a lame-duck Chancellor and a cabinet with a lame-duck Secretary of Agriculture. The decision on how long this situation will continue is the Chancellor's. It is vital that he refrain from postponing the decision too long: both the University and the Cabinet need a talented man unfettered by other obligations to function smoothly at this time. Chancellor Hardin can function well in either post. He cannot, however, function in both

Jack Todd

Our man Hoppe . . .

Youthland secedes

by Arthur Hoppe

Herewith is another unwritten chapter from that unpublished textbook, "A History of the World, 1950-1999." Its title: "The Generation Gap — And Let's Keep It That Way.'

By 1970 the Generation Gap had widened into The jails overflowed with protesters. Not a child in the land thought his parents understood him. And vice versa.

A YOUTH SEPARATIST Movement was formed. "We not only want to run our own schools, our own pads and our own lives," said young militants, "we want to run our own country."

On July 4, 1971, Youthland seceded from the Union — laying claim to the West Coast from the Sunset Strip to the Haight-Ashbury and the East Coast from Greenwich Village to Fort

Civil war threatened. The Old Country, as it came to be called, boasted an Army of 238,673 senior officers and a stringent draft law. But as it had no one left to draft, it had no soldiers to do the fighting.

YOUTHLAND, ON THE other hand, had a plethora of healthy young men of draft age. But of course it had no draft laws and, consequently

So the two nations dwelt in uneasy peace. And both were very happy.

"At long last, we've got a little tranquility around here," said the Oldsters happily. And they adopted vigorous legislation in favor of law and order and cheaper booze.

"At long last, we've got a little freedom around here," said the Youngsters happily. And they adopted vigorous legislation in favor of individual freedom and cheaper marijuana.

SO BOTH GENERATIONS at long last had what they wanted. The Oldsters had tranquility. And the Youngsters had freedom.

But after several months, the Oldster began

And the Youngsters, to keep their nands in, still demonstrated lethargically daily. But their placards were blank. For the life of them, they couldn't think of anything to protest against. And they frowningly chanted testy things like, "Down with something or other."

THE TWO NATIONS, recognizing the inevitable, were re-united on July 4, 1972. And, oh, what a heartwarming scene there was in every home as the father welcomed back his son.

"Let me embrace you, my boy," each father said, "as soon as you have off that scraggly beard and get yourself a decent job."
"Shave my beard?" cried the youth, his chin up, the old adrenalin racing through his veins again. "Now don't be square, Dad. I've got a right."

"Square" shouted the father, his blood boiling, eyes shining once more." "Listen here, you young whippersnapper . . . "
And both generations lived fully, if perhaps

not happily, ever after. Chronicle Features



"Nixon's the one . . . !"

Editorials

Commentary

The fifth horseman is a king too

by Charles Mange Although prohibited by the Barrel. United States Constitution,

the granting of titles of nobility continues unabated on our campus. A glance at Nebraskan reveals the crowning of still another queen or countess or caliph.

some nubile coed is sacrificed Rin last year. on the Block and Bridle Day. This Sweet Heart of the Rodeo is chosen for her ability at selling hams. The girl

bacon is crowned Queen Pork about her. The seven losing hereford poll for the Alumni

EAST CAMPUS CHURNS with activity each spring as all expectantly await the issue of the Daily crowning of Dairy Queen. The candidates try to butter up

> The other girls declared the contest to be an udder fraud as Miss Marge Rin (a slender

maids were left milking their Association, and occasionally friends for sympathy.

Perhaps the ultimate honor to be bestowed upon a male student at the University is the coveted title of Prince Kosmet. The holder of the tithe judges but is ploy the generally is a polite fellow usually fails as evidenced by who dresses inconspicuously Each year the anonymity of the election of Miss Marge and is therefore totally indistinguishable from his multitude of followers.

who brings home the most because she had the least fat duty is to conduct the annual flood is upon us.

to entertain foreign royalty such as when our campus was visited this fall by that distinguished North African, The Bey of Pigs. The practice of naming so many kings and queens will have to stop before we all lose our heads as people once did in France. One king is enough for any school but now that THIS CONSTANT KOSMET our sovereign has left us to lass) was declared winner fits his job to a tea. His only live in Washington, I fear the

CAMPUS OPINION

Letter to NU

Gentlemen:

Secretary of Agriculture, you he must not now in the glow of pride and enthusiasm make a recent failure to provide ade- a year for reasons of civil It would be unworthy of the position of trust you hold with the people of Nebraska.

Certainly if the position of chancellor has any importance in directing the future of the University, the man in the position to be ef-fective should not feel that his leadership and his plans are merely a stand-in for someone who could return in one month, one year, four years, of perhaps never, Surely Dr. Hardin knows that effective leadership cannot be

Board of Regents provided to the University of the need for support to in-policy as regards military under such an arrangement sure the solid growth of the service! Though it may be as an extended leave of University, he is still a man argued that the University is

Though we are all happy him consider what goals of tended leave of absence.

IF HE IS UNAWARE, let by a crutch such as an ex- behind such rules? about the recent appointment leadership have been set by We must also recall that the Chancellor Hardin would wish

of Chancellor Hardin as President-elect Nixon. Could state recognizes the folly of to return to Nebraska, let us he want less for the such a position by having an hope that it can be at that University of Nebraska? official policy that would not time with the University. But Despite Chancellor Hardin's allow for a leave of more than let us not hamper him in his decision that could cripple the quate leadership in convinc- service. And surely Regent Agriculture and let us not University in the near future, ing the governor and the state Herman has checked on this

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of undeniable talent. Let us above such rules, do we not undermine his confidence forget the wisdom that stands

> Should it ever be that position as Secretary of mark time here by hampering whoever is to fill the post

Surely our new Secretary of Agriculture recognizes this. Let us not make our deliberations smack of political arrangements. It is unworthy of you and Dr. Hardin. And it would be a great disservice to the people of the United States.

> Sincerely. Samuel J. Pezzillo Instructor. Department of Classics

Inside report . . .

Nixon to have open road

by Rowland Evans and Robert Novak

Washington - As late as this past Tuesday (Dec. 10), when he discussed it with his advisers, nothing in the transition period had disturbed President-elect Nixon more than the continuing signs of President Johnson's insistence on a last-second, lame-duck summit meeting with Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin.

Nixon himself has privately informed political intimates that he regards the White House pressure for a meeting, which would be held in Geneva, as "most unwise."

FUTHERMORE, HE HAS made it crystal clear to Mr. Johnson - either in one of their frequent telephone talks or through his foreign policy adviser, Robert Murphy - that he does not wish to be involved in any way.

For his part, the President has pressed hard for Mr. Nixon's cooperation with possible talks on nuclear arms control and anti-ballistic missile

Nixon intimates say that Mr. Johnson has not actually invited Mr. Nixon to accompany him, if the projected summit talk can be arranged. But the President has tried to win Mr. Nixon's consent to assign a Nixon observer to the Johnson entourage -a suggestion flatly rejected by the President-elect up to now on grounds that it might compromise his own freedom of action after Jan. 20.

WHAT PRIVATELY worries the Nixon camp is that Johnson administration disarmament talks. either at the summit or a lower level, would complicate not only the basic Nixon policy approach to Moscow but also relations between the U.S. and its European allies, particularly West Germany,

Mr. Nixon, in short, wants to open a dialogue with U.S. allies in Europe before he opens one with the Soviet Union.

Beyond that, moreover, a glimpse of possibly momentous changes in communist China's foreign policy is clearly evident in the Nov. 26 Peking bid for "peaceful coexistence" with the U.S. No one here pretends to know what that might lead to, if indeed anything at all, but one result is already clear: it has brought consternation to Moscow, whose foreign policy is built on the hard rock of hostility and distrust between the U.S. and China.

THIS IS SIMPLY a second reason to explain Moscow's growing impatience for talks with Washington. The first reason is Russia's transparent eagerness to bury the sordid effects of its invasion of Czechoslovakia last August and show the world that, despite that military takeover, all is well once again between the U.S. and the

It is precisely this passionate Soviet objective, coupled with President Johnson's equally passionate desire to celebrate his leaving office with a glamorous summit parley, that is pulling Mr. Johnson and Kosygin together. Nixon men feel that, once Mr. Johnson is out of office and the Russians are unable to exploit his desire for a summit talk, the U.S. might well ask and receive a higher Soviet price for a summit meeting.

But the Soviet leaders have delicate problems of their own in any deals with President Johnson between now and Jan. 20. They must diagnose, and then factor in, Mr. Nixon's inner attitude about a Johnson-Kosygin meeting.

FOR EVEN IF A pre-Jan. 20 meeting does take place and even if it does help remove the stigma of Czechoslovakia - or set the stage for serious talks on nuclear arms - the new President will have an open road after that date to modify or reject any midnight agreements made by his

Furthermore, the Russians are going to be living with Mr. Nixon for at least four long years. As some Nixon advisers see it, the Kremlin would be counting a possibly disastrous start in its relations with President Nixon if Kosygin took advantage of President Johnson's unseemly insistence on a summit talk.

Is view of all that has gone on before between Mr. Nixon and the Soviet leaders and considering the corrosive relationship that Mr. Nixon has had with them in the contact of the contact with them in the past, the Russians are unlikely to make that mistake.

