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Minuteman missiles surround Kimball, Neb. — self-proclaimed "Missile Center U.S.A." — in the southwest corner of the state's panhandle, 45 miles south of Scottsbluff. For the city's reaction to its missiles and the possible placement of the new MX missiles in the Minuteman silos, see story on Page 6.

Lerner speaks on U.S. government: Reagan concludes liberal honeymoon

By Pat Higgins

Ronald Reagan has not shown the kind of flexibility that a president has to have, columnist and educator Max Lerner said Wednesday at a Lincoln Chamber of Commerce banquet. Lerner said the American people have an enormous stake in the success of the Reagan revolution.

"This is the end of a 50-year liberal honeymoon," Lerner said. "At the grassroots people have had enough of big government and bureaucracy. This is the reverse of the Franklin D. Roosevelt revolution."

Roosevelt and Reagan were compared by Lerner in their approach to the problems of society. Lerner said Roosevelt faced each situation as a reality instead of merely aiming to fulfill campaign promises.

"President Reagan said the other day that he has fulfilled 104 of his campaign promises, but the more important question is that he has to face the reality principle," Lerner said.

The question of ideology between conservatives and liberals is not as important as the choice between the tough-minded and the tender-minded, Lerner said.

"The tough-minded face reality as it is. I'd rather have a tough-minded conservative than a tender-minded liberal," Lerner said. "I'd really prefer a tough-minded liberal but they seem to be hard to find these days."

Lerner said the strength of liberalism is its compassion for the poor and its weakness is being too tender-

minded. The strength of conservatism is its sense of the past and that society is an organism that should not experience irrational change. The weakness of conservatism is its lack of compassion, Lerner said.

Flee from rigidity

"President Reagan hasn't convinced the people that he doesn't have a hard heart. The President should flee from rigidity," Lerner said.

Lerner said he was unhappy with the recent controversy about granting tax-exempt status to segregated colleges. He said it was a bad symbolic decision.

"I don't believe that Ronald Reagan is a racist, but it was a symbolic choice that alienated not just black people but everyone who has worked for equal rights," Lerner said.

He said Reagan should emulate Franklin D. Roosevelt by making symbols that unite the American people rather than dividing them. He said emphasizing national defense and the sanctions on Poland are positive steps in that direction.

"President Reagan has done a better job on foreign policy than on domestic. I feel very positive about his proposal to go beyond the SALT talks to genuine arms reduction," Lerner said.

Lerner said these are extraordinary times that are similar to the Franklin Roosevelt era. Between inflation, unemployment and high interest rates, the economy would be difficult for any president.

"I have about given up on the possibility of fresh thinking in economics," Lerner said.

The political, business and military elites have been brought together by President Reagan, but the intellectual elite is not yet in harmony, Lerner said.

Obligation to help

"My colleagues have an obligation to help," Lerner said.

Lerner said society faces a pair of revolutions in the '80s. These are the knowledge revolution and the information revolution. He said the knowledge change is particularly strong in the field of life sciences and genetics, while the information transformation entails new media, home computers and cable television.

"We are going to have to make the best of it, and live with the change in private life and the effects on values," Lerner said.

Lerner said a values revolution has been taking place for the last 20 years. He said the women's movement has been a step in the right direction. There has been a rebirth in romantic love and a return to the concept that there are some values that are sacred, Lerner said.

"I sense that there are some cutting changes in our society that are going on today. But we have to pick and choose on what we want to continue to change and what we want to remain the same," Lerner said.



Photo by D. Eric Kircher

Max Lerner

Student fee proposal would require increase in Fund A student fees

By Betsy Miller

It's got a long way to go, but an idea presented by the Lincoln Transportation System and the ASUN Student Life Committee could provide a new way for students to travel cheaply.

The idea, presented before the ASUN Senate Wednesday night, is that LTS would provide free bus service to UNL students during non-peak hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and after 6 p.m. on weekdays and all day Saturday for a semester if an extra \$10 charge was added to Fund A student fees.

Students could ride during peak transit times for a 25-cent charge.

"There's a large potential for student service, but we really can't tell yet," Richard Rohde, general manager of LTS, said.

Rohde said the idea is still very much in the planning stage.

"We're still getting an idea of where the students are living and where they are going," he said.

Even when the details are resolved, the idea may suffer from a lack of student support to the raise in Fund A costs.

"I know some students may be real negative," said Monica Frank, chairman of the Student Life Commission.

She said the introduction of the project before the senate was the first chance the idea has had of receiving feedback.

She said the idea, if it was approved by students, would run for one year on a trial basis. The issue could be put on the March 3 election ballot, she said.

Rohde said he felt the idea would benefit both LTS and the university. LTS would gain new bus riders and the university could ease its parking problem if more students rode the bus to school.

The \$10 charge is a bargain for an entire semester, he said. The cost a daily rider might pay, with a 30-cent fare, could total \$15 in a month, he said.

He said LTS "would probably not make a profit" from the service.

Students have the option of asking for a refund of their Fund A money, which currently helps support ASUN, the Daily Nebraskan and the University Program Council.

Rohde said if 10 percent or more of UNL students asked for Fund A refunds the busing project would be scrapped.

In addition to providing regular service near City Campus, the buses could serve as shuttles to East Campus, Rohde said.

He said LTS could replace the current university-supported shuttle system and that the shuttles would then be open to everyone, not just students.

The extra charge during peak hours is required because the buses run at full capacity now, and if students ride them also, additional buses will have to be commissioned, he said.

Correction

Due to an editorial error, a page 1 article in Thursday's Daily Nebraskan incorrectly reported that UNL English professor Jim Roberts does not mind students' using Cliff's Notes instead of their required texts. Roberts is a consulting editor for Cliff's Notes.

Roberts said he does not approve of students substituting Cliff's Notes for the text but that instructors should be able to tell when the student does not read the book.

"I have never and would never allow and have flunked students who have substituted Cliff's Notes for the required readings," Roberts said.

The Daily Nebraskan regrets the error.

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