

POLITICAL APATHY GRIPS NORTHWEST

When Candidates Win It Is Due to Organization.

WOOD OUTPOINTS LOWDEN

Mark Sullivan Finds People Tired of Old Machines and Parties, Which Explains Hoover.

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rather than gained by coming into the state and failing to touch upon the problems of the state. Aside from the bearing that a budget system may have upon the situation, Governor Lowden did not refer, except in an indirect way, to a single national problem.

Handicapped by Uniform.
While Wood outpoints Lowden in the personal impression he makes and in his speeches, Wood has had a handicap. As one South Dakota observer put it:

"The fact that General Wood comes as an army man, wearing his military uniform, accompanied by a staff in uniform and a son in uniform, and devotes much of his speech to military matters, was bound to count against him in this state."
General Wood is unquestionably handicapped by the fact that he is a military man. Whether he avows belief in universal training or not, the people think that he is identified with it, and the farmers of the middle west don't want it. The farmers have been through the experience of having their sons go away to spend months in camp, and they don't want to run the risk of repeating that experience if they can avoid it. For one good economic reason, hired help is almost impossible to get in the middle west and the farmers feel that they cannot spare their boys away from the farms at any season of the year, and especially in the season of intense farm work.

In other respects General Wood's uniform counts against him in the middle west. People think that a man who has followed such a specialized calling as the army for a third of a century cannot be as well qualified for president as one who has had a more varied experience, who has mingled with all classes and who has had direct contact with the business and social affairs of the country. In truth, there is not much in this argument so far as it applies to General Wood, but the feeling exists nevertheless.

Hoover Chief Beneficiary.
The best experience General Wood ever had, the one that most qualifies him for the presidency—his organization of Cuba out of nothing but chaos into a self-governing country—happened a long time ago and is no longer remembered. It ought to be the best argument in his favor, but it is little used.

In one way Wood, like Hoover, benefits by the fact that his career has been outside of politics. One of the leading men of Michigan, reporting the sentiment in his community, said:

"Everywhere there is strong revulsion against the professional political type this year, and in this section of the state at least the sentiment seems to be to nominate Wood on the republican national ticket and Hoover on the democratic and let the better of the two men win."
But it is Hoover that is the principal beneficiary of the reaction against partisan politics. The Hoover strength is not great in quantity, but there need be no doubt whatever that if organized and aggressively stimulated the Hoover strength would be as great or greater than that of any other candidate. This Hoover strength is of the best quality. In every community it includes the best people, persons active in church work, school teachers, university people, and the like.

Center is in Minneapolis.
The Hoover activity in the middle west, so far as it is organized, is in Minneapolis. Certain Hoover admirers there have been to New York to see Mr. Hoover, and it is believed that they have an understanding with him. They are young business men of the highest character who have the respect of the public. They have a gift of organization, and from Minneapolis, radiating out to Omaha, Kansas City and elsewhere, they are organizing Hoover clubs. They recognize that they cannot get many delegates for Hoover. They recognize that they are too far outside of politics for that, and also they are too late in the field; but what they do hope is that they can make a sufficient demonstration of Hoover strength to compel the party leaders at the Chicago convention to consider him.

The men who are organizing for Hoover sentiment in Minneapolis are, in a loose sense, republicans, but the rank and file of the Hoover following is utterly non-partisan.
In fact, as I have already said, the Hoover strength lies not only in the impression he himself has made on the public, but lies also in a reaction on the part of a large number of voters against the old parties. Many are for Hoover merely because of the fact that he is non-partisan.

Strikes Vivid Contrast.
Throughout the country, in all the cities and villages, the people watched the spectacle of Mr. Hoover building up a food organization during the war. They observed that in every case his appointees were chosen for their ability, regardless of their politics. At the same time, side by side with that spectacle, they saw the democratic party, and the republican party as well, always confining their choice to the old party hacks. They saw the organization of one government department after another built up of appointees chosen chiefly on a basis of partisan activity in the democratic party. For years the people have seen the democrats and the republicans alike, in their appointments of postmasters, of federal attorneys and of nearly everything else, confining their choice to a basis of reward for party service. The contrast between the kind of organization Mr. Hoover built up and the kind the old parties have always built up is vivid in the minds of the people and accounts for much of the Hoover strength.

As I said last week, Senator Johnson's following was largely included in the old Roosevelt following. The bulk of that Roosevelt following, especially the organized part of it—the party officials and the like—is now behind General Wood. Senator Johnson made a tactical error by waiting so long to announce his candidacy. General Wood was out months before Johnson, and General Wood's managers had made their alliances with old Roosevelt leaders everywhere.

Calls It "In Memoriam" Vote.
The consequence was that when Senator Johnson finally announced himself he found that the Roosevelt

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