

Iowa Senatorial Candidates Argue Farm Issue in Lively Vote Contest

(Editor's Note: This is the last in a series on key election contests around the nation.)

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Des Moines, Iowa. — (U.P.) — R. M. (Spike) Evans, Democratic candidate for senator in historically Republican Iowa, says the GOP farm program is a threat to the civilization we have built. Big, silver-haired Evans has pitched his campaign against incumbent Republican Sen. Bourke B. Hickenlooper on the farm issue in a state where no man could win unless he knew the difference between a cornpicker and a combine. Hickenlooper confident "If you're going to destroy the family-sized farm — and that's just what the Republicans are doing—you're going to destroy the type of civilization we've

built up in this country," Evans has said. Hickenlooper, seeking a third straight term in the Senate, says he does not discount "any opposition or any issues" but he is confident of victory. A former governor, he has lost only one election in 22 years in Iowa politics—a primary contest for lieutenant governor, a post he later held. If he lost to Evans, if would be an upset. Iowa has sent only six Democrats to the Senate in 108 years. Evans, a former national director of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration (AAA) board, likes the principle of the soil bank—a program of federal payments to farmers who hold down production and build up their soil. He has entered some of his own farm land in the "bank." But he charges that the

soil bank, as it is managed in this election year, is a "vote-buying scheme." In a year of stumping which has run up 39,000 miles on his speedometer, he has charged that President Eisenhower and the Republican party "haven't lived up to the promises they made to farmers about high parity in 1952." Soil Bank Favored Hickenlooper considers his primary victory over a "high parity" Republican, Dayton Countryman, "very substantial support for the administration's farm program." "Practically all the farmers I've talked to feel the soil bank is a very excellent thing," Hickenlooper says. Hickenlooper has bumped into organized opposition from drought-bothered farmers in southwestern Iowa who banded into the National Farmers Organization, fought him in the primary and are fighting him today. But the bald, bespectacled senator says, "Hard work and the interest of the voters" will make Iowa safe for the GOP.

Ike Said Refusing To Help Save World

Washington — (U.P.) — Speaker Sam Rayburn charged today that President Eisenhower is refusing to help save the world from atomic death. The Texas Democrat leveled the charge in a statement endorsing Adlai E. Stevenson's proposal that the United States take the lead in seeking an end to H-bomb tests. Rayburn, like Stevenson, accused Mr. Eisenhower of acting too hasty in rejecting Soviet Premier Nikolaj A. Bulganin's offer of last Friday to negotiate on halting H-bomb tests. "The real issue is how we can find a way to save the world from atomic death," Rayburn said. "Mr. Eisenhower owes it to his country to address himself to that issue." Stevenson used a similar line in attacking Mr. Eisenhower's rejection of the Bulganin offer.

BE-BOP PUP
Watertown, Mass.—(U.P.)—Dr. Robert S. York, brought home a puppy and his youngsters trained it in jive talk, that's the only "language" it obeys. If Mrs. York wants to call him she has to shout, "Go-Go-Go."

A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

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Washington — (U.P.) — A hundred years ago, the newspapers in the country were crying that John C. Fremont couldn't win. You can look it up. Franklin Pierce, the retiring head of the country, decided that he had had it — with a little prodding from his spouse, James Buchanan came into the picture. Mr. Buchanan was a Democrat. He won. The popular vote was 1,927,995 to 1,191,555. Buchanan came up with 174 electoral votes to 114 for Fremont. It is interesting to look back at the editorial comment 100 years ago.

In those days you didn't find any hot news on the front pages. Mostly it was for the sale of mules coming in from Kentucky. Or beaver hats shipped in from England. Politics were to be found mostly on the editorial pages. For instance, The Washington Star printed a piece which said: "Fremont is a dead cock—to borrow a choice phrase from The Richmond (Va.) Whig." The Star and The Intelligencer, the big papers in town at the time, went along issue after issue telling people that they ought to look at the "preliminary" elections in Pennsylvania and Indiana, where the Democrats held the upper hand. The Star viewed with more than considerable alarm what it said had happened in Pennsylvania. It quoted a reporter for The New York Herald as saying that the city of Philadelphia was "carried by the reception in the ballot box of some 6,000 votes fraudulent by the Democrats."

This performance, if it ever happened, never was proved. But facts stand. Jimmy Buchanan was elected president of the United States in 1856. He had a couple of firsts and at least one last. He was the only bachelor president we ever had. And that also takes care of the last. Fought for 12 Years Jim Buchanan, better known among the cartoonists of the day as "Old Buck" perhaps wasn't the best leader we ever had—but we have to accept him as a leader, none the less. The man of the hour 100 years ago was known as a "dough-face," meaning he was a northern politician in sympathy with the South.

For 12 years, he fought for the presidential nomination, and fiddled and bided his time, in the House of Representatives, as a U. S. Senator, and minister to Russia, Britain and secretary of state. Getting back to the cartoonists: The quill pushers had a lot of fun with the man Buchanan. His top—not always was standing erect. Not only that he was near sighted in one eye and far sighted in the other. When he posed for pictures, he always cocked his head to one side, whichever side he favored.

Refinery Explosion Leaves Two Injured

Beaumont, Tex.—(U.P.)—Two men were burned critically about midnight when an explosion and fire ripped part of the Magnolia Petroleum Co. refinery just outside Beaumont. C. A. Reeves, night superintendent of the refinery, said a glass gauge on an 8,000-gallon drum of natural gasoline broke under pressure of the gasoline and the fuel was ignited by nearby welding equipment. Critically injured were James Rivet, about 55, and Russel Byrom, about 35, both of Beaumont, night supervisors in the refinery's mechanical department.



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