

HOOVER WINS ACCLAIM OF CONVENTION

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ped the convention away from the standard of Gov. Alf M. Landon, who is certain to be nominated this week.

Mr. Hoover, smiling and alert, received two ovations in which the state standards were swept out into the aisles for the first parade of the 1936 convention. One was at the start of his speech and the other at the end. Between them he delivered a speech, sparkling with metaphor and bristling with challenge to the democrats.

Leaves for New York

But he did not linger to gather whatever harvest there may have been for him. Some say he could have won the nomination on the strength of tonight's speech. He hurried out while the applause still was unquenchable and boarded a train for New York.

The word he left with his fellow republicans was:

"Stop the retreat!" It was a leaner, trimmer Hoover who stood before 18,000 persons and thrust away at New Dealers as "starry eyed boys who are trying to infect the American people with a mixture of European ideas, flavored with our native predilection to get something for nothing."

No bid for nomination. He said nothing that could be construed as an indication that he sought the nomination here. He said nothing to help or hinder the candidacy of any one else. Few persons in Cleveland did. For New York and Pennsylvania dashed for the Kansas bandwagon today and the word went out from the suite where the sunflowers bloom that it would be Governor Alf M. Landon on the first ballot.

Landon's leaders installed harsh voiced little Bert Snell as permanent chairman of the convention, putting on the platform a man who knows whom to recognize and when after the delegates start yelling and voting.

"I Told You So" Tonight the show belonged to the graying man in the high, hard collar who came back to the wars. Four years ago his summer Hoover was booed as he drove through the depression ravaged city of Detroit. He came to town today vindicated in the eyes of most republicans. Hoover accepted the role and splashed his speech with "I told you so" references.

"One time I told a degenerate congress," he said, "that you

Keynoter 'Warms Up'



Like a pitcher winding up for a supreme effort, Senator Frederick Steiwer of Oregon is shown here at the Republican national convention as he warmed up for his oratorical effort as keynoter. Steiwer was giving the loud speakers a tryout as he did this big stretch act.

cannot spend your way to prosperity. You will recall that that advice was not taken then. It has not been taken yet.

Win Prosperity's Gratitude "This is your call, stop the retreat. In the chaos of doubt, confusion and fear, yours is the task to command. Stop the retreat and, turning the eyes of your fellow Americans to the sunlight of freedom, lead the attack and retake, recapture and reman the citadels of liberty. "Thus can America be preserved. Thus can peace, plenty and security be reestablished and expanded. Thus can the opportunity, the inheritance and the spiritual future of your children be guaranteed. And thus you will win the gratitude of posterity and the blessings of Almighty God."

Hoover's theme was that here in the year 1936, America stood at momentous crossroads, at the armageddon of her history. "Studied New Deal," "There are elemental currents

which make or break the fate of nations," he said. "There is a moral purpose in the universe. Those forces which affect the vitality and soul of a people will control its destinies."

"I have given four years to research into the New Deal, trying to determine what its ultimate objectives were, what sort

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of system it is imposing on the country.

"To some people it appears to be a strange interlude in American history in that it has no philosophy, that it is sheer opportunism . . . To other people it appears to be a cold blooded attempt by starry eyed boys to infect the American people with a mixture of European ideas, flavored with our native predilection to get something for nothing."

Even Alumni Uncertain

"You can choose either one you like. But the first is the road of chaos which leads to the second. Both of these roads lead over the same grim precipice. . . Which of these interpretations is accurate is even disputed by alumni of the New Deal who have graduated for conscience's sake or have graduated by request."

" . . . You might contemplate what would have happened if Mr. Roosevelt could have appointed enough supreme court justices in the first year of his administration. Suppose these New Deal acts had remained on the statute books? We would have been a regimented people. Have you any assurance that he will not have the appointments if he is reelected?"

Star Shell

"Throughout the land there are multitudes of people who have listened to the song of aliens. Under their distress they doubt the value of their own rights and liberties. They do not see the constitution as a fortress for their deliverance. They have been led to believe that it is an iron cage against which the wings of idealism beat in vain."

"Will you, for expediency's sake, also offer will o' the wisps which beguile the people? Or have you determined to enter into a holy crusade for liberty which shall determine the future and perpetuity of a nation of free men? That star shell, fired today over the No Man's Land of world despair would illuminate the world with hope."

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