

Policies Of Democrats Hit By Ex-President In Birthday Speech

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WEST BRANCH, Ia., (AP)—Former President Herbert Hoover, speaking today on his 80th birthday, accused his Democratic successors of pursuing policies toward the Soviet Union which destroyed human freedoms and "spread communism over the earth."

American recognition of Russia in 1933, Hoover said, "opened the headgates for a torrent of traitors." He delivered the speech from the cottage in West Branch where he was born. The state of Iowa honored his birthday with official celebrations.

Hoover did not specifically name Presidents Roosevelt or Truman. He spoke, however, of the events of the 20 years preceding the present Republican administration. This period, he said, saw the "encroachment" by the White House on the other two branches of government. He attacked "executive agreements" and commitments made to foreign nations "without the specific consent of the elected representatives of the people."

Of these, he said: "There has been a grievous list of such commitments. They include international agreements which shackle our economy by limiting a free market."

"But more terrible were such executive agreements as our recognition of Soviet Russia which opened the headgates for a torrent of traitors. Our tacit alliance with Soviet Russia spread communism over the earth."

He said the agreements at Tehran and Yalta "extinguished the liberties of tens of millions of people." He called these actions "appeasement and surrender," and said another agreement started the communization of Mongolia, North Korea and China.

"These unrestrained presidential actions," Hoover said, "have resulted in a shrinking of human freedom over the whole world. From these actions came the jeopardsies of the cold war. As a byproduct, these actions have shrunk our freedoms by crushing taxes, huge defense costs and compulsory military service."

Speaking from a prepared text.

IN KOREA

SEOUL (AP)—The University of Oregon basketball team arrived Monday night on a tour of the Far East during which they will play local teams in Korea, Formosa, Manila, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Singapore and Tokyo.

Hoover summarized his beliefs distilled from his years in government and ranged widely over the development of both domestic and foreign policy.

"Our people at one time were closer to the goals of human welfare than any other civilization in all history," he said.

He described the origins of the separation of powers in the American government, and the system of checks and balances.

"These separations of power became seriously confused, corroded and weakened during the 20 years before this administration," Hoover said.

Some of these "corrosions," he said, resulted from war, others from what he called "the various infections of socialism."

"During the last war, we witnessed a special encroachment of the executive upon the legislative branch. This has been through a new type of commitment of the United States to other nations," he said.

He characterized as "unrestrained presidential actions" the recognition of Russia and "our acquiescence" in Russian policies in Europe and Asia.

"We must make such misuse of power forever impossible," Hoover said, adding: "And let me say that I have no fears from President Eisenhower, but he will not always be president."

He said communism constitutes a "gigantic evil" dangerous to the United States and went on to say: "All of the peace agencies we have created and all the conferences we have held have failed to find even a whisper of real peace."

He said he had disagreed with

and protested what he considered the most dangerous of American foreign policies during the 20 years in which Roosevelt and Truman were in office.

As an example, he recalled the summer of 1941 when Hitler's armies launched the attack on Russia. He said they should have been allowed to destroy each other.

"I urged that the gargantuan jest of all history would be our giving aid to the Soviet government," he said. "I urged we should allow those two dictators to exhaust each other. I stated that the result of our assistance would be to spread communism over the whole world."

I urged that if we stood aside the time would come when we could bring lasting peace to the world."

"I have no regrets. The consequences have proved that I was right."

Meanwhile, he said, communism was beginning to take hold in the United States. He declared, however:

"The rank and file of our people are immune from this infection. The recruiting grounds for their agents are from our minority of fuzzy-minded intellectuals and labor leaders."

He touched on the questions of the Fifth Amendment, the FBI and congressional committees in connection with exposing such people.

The former president said he is not afraid that the Communists can

destroy America.

Greater concern, he said, should be reserved for the socialists, whom he listed among "the other varieties of the Karl Marx virus."

The net result of their programs, Hoover said, is to stultify freedoms, incentives, the courage, and the creative impulses of the people.

"Beyond all this, there is proof in the world that the end result of socialism can be bloody communism. They furnished the boarding ladders by which the communists captured the ship of state."

He described as a "gimmick" the cradle-to-grave philosophy which he said the socialists advocate and said:

"It is solely the initiative and the labor of the physically able in the prime of life that can support the aged, the young, the sick—and the bureaucracy."

"And this active earning group requires the pressures of competition, the rewards of enterprise and new adventure to keep it on the job. Even if security from the cradle to the grave could eliminate the risk of life, it would be a

dead hand on the spirit of our people."

He said England under its previous "socialist government" was an object example.

Hoover talked sarcastically about what he said was another socialist preoccupation — "the common man."

He called this "a vote getting apparatus... another cousin of the Soviet proletariat... the negation of individual dignity and a slogan of mediocrity and uniformity."

Then he said:

"The humor of it is that when we get sick, we want an uncommon general or admiral. When we choose the president of a university, we want an uncommon edu-

ator. The imperative need of this nation at all times is the leadership of the Uncommon men or women."

The former president closed on a strong note of optimism. "We are not at the bedside of a nation in death agony," he said.

"As the shadows lengthen over my years, my confidence, my hopes and dreams for my countrymen are undimmed."

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