

Hunt, Despite G.O.P. Loss, Spurs Rightist Drive

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DALLAS—The overwhelming defeat suffered last month by Senator Barry Goldwater may have been a damaging blow to the conservative cause and the trigger for recriminations among Republican party leaders, but here in Texas oil country, one of the nation's most outspoken conservatives is nevertheless steering to the right even more resolutely than before.

He is Haroldson Lafayette Hunt, the 75-year-old Texan who has built a family oil and land fortune estimated at \$700 million or more. H. L. Hunt has gained national attention in recent years as a leading propagandist for right-wing causes.

Mr. Hunt, jingling some change in the pocket of his rumpled blue suit, rocked placidly in a big red leather swivel chair in his dreary, darkly paneled office at the Hunt Oil Company. He gave little indication in an interview of being discouraged by the election outcome.

"I feel, of course, that we are losing our freedom and national sovereignty," he said.

'Dangerous' Trend Noted

The election results showed a further dangerous trend to the left, Mr. Hunt continued, but he said he would press ahead with efforts to promote his conservative philosophy because "nothing I have amounts to anything for me, or my children, or their children, if we are going the way of Cuba."

Mr. Hunt's most recent ventures have included the presentation to leading conservative Republicans of a "Constructive Republican Plan" for locating good leadership around which to build a right-wing Republican party. He is also sponsoring a "Public Service Education Institute" whose aim would be to locate and secretly promote promising political candidates.

In addition, Mr. Hunt has started a daily newspaper column, which has been offered to 457 papers on a free-trial basis, and has published two paperback books to provide "freedom education." The books—"Why Not Speak?" and "Fabians Fight Freedom"—were privately published in October. About half the 100,000 copies of each have been sold for 75 cents a copy, he said.

Mr. Hunt's efforts also include support for the Life Line Foundation, a tax-exempt "religious-patriotic organization" that produces radio programs



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upon which his interests spend at least \$1.2 million a year in advertising. The foundation, whose tax-exempt status has been under scrutiny by the Internal Revenue Service and a House committee, beams programs with a right-wing orientation to 5 million listeners daily.

Worries About Future

These are time-consuming activities for the white-haired, 200-pound oilman, who spends most of his waking hours shuffling over the threadbare carpet of his seventh-floor office, worrying about the country's future.

walls, he works diligently on efforts to "save America's freedom."

Mr. Hunt said the election outcome was not a repudiation of conservatism because Mr. Goldwater, whom he favored, failed to join the issue of conservatism versus liberalism.

"He lost votes every time he spoke," he declared.

Mr. Hunt's document proposing the "Constructive Republican Plan" says:

"The colossal failure of the Republican campaign may give

the party a reputation of helplessness and hopelessness, starting immediate plans for a third party. A splinter party could be fatal to building a successful opposition party to the Democrats and immediate planning for the formation of a workable Republican party is imperative."

Cites Minority Strength

Mr. Hunt, who has denied charges that he is an anti-Negro and anti-Semitic, declares in the document that "Lyndon was elected by the minorities." He proposes that "as many intellectuals as possible be converted" to the Republican party and that "a preponderance of the Jews should be sold on the fact that their best interests lie in the elections of Republicans."

If the party would "get a fair per cent of the Jews to cooperate, Republicans would be more popular with the entertainment field, the airwaves, and the press," the document says, continuing:

"We are now in an area where whites, however free from racial prejudice, will be forced into the Republican party by the Negro population which will help control the national democratic party and un-

doubtedly share or pre-empt many local offices.

"If in their eagerness to bestow equality Caucasians, motivated by a spirit of fairness, lose perspective and become anxious to enthrone another color as the superior race, the Chinese, with their ancient culture, will be willing to accept the laurels and authority."

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Those listed as Republicans to be cultivated for the Presidential nomination in 1968 are Gov. George Romney of Michigan ("He is making a personal success out of however far left he is" and "must be cultivated and converted"); Representative Robert Taft Jr. of Ohio ("could have been the strongest candidate the Republicans might have nominated for the Presidency"); and Gov. William W. Scranton of Pennsylvania

The Public Service Education Institute" is an idea that Mr. Hunt and his son-in-law, Albert G. Hill, first promoted at least two years ago. There is no outward evidence that the institute has yet become anything more than an idea, but Mr. Hunt insists that an organization does exist—"It's all confidential," he says.

The institute will recruit 50 state directors and a supervisor in each congressional district to search out and produce per-

...without the newspaper... Mr. Hunt said. Their most important functions would be to win prospects publicity, public exposure and political party support.

Institute Is 'Nonpartisan'

Hunt said the institute was nonpartisan, but its statement of principles says the prospects should be "constructive," which is his synonym for "conservative."

In addition, the statement says that prospects should have a pleasing name, easy to pronounce and spell, and one suggesting statesmanship and Americanism, unless it is a name popular to nationalities and races among the electorate in his particular area."

Mr. Hunt's projects are all in line with his philosophy that the best way to "save" the country is to provide the public with "freedom education," rather than pouring vast sums of his own fortune directly into political campaigns.

"Freedom education is more important than political action," he asserted, because any man elected to office "will serve as well as the thinking of his constituents will permit him to serve." He said that...