

The Daily Tar Heel

Vol. 83, No. 134

Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Friday, April 11, 1975

Founded February 23, 1893

Ford asks \$1 billion in aid to Vietnamese

by Richard H. Growald
United Press International

WASHINGTON—President Ford asked a reluctant Congress Thursday night to provide South Vietnam nearly \$1 billion in military and economic aid and authorize him to send in U.S. troops to rescue Americans and up to 200,000 South Vietnamese.

Ford, in a somber State of the World address to a joint session of Congress, said Gen. Frederick C. Weyand, just back from Saigon, reported that the South Vietnamese urgently need \$722 million in military aid.

Ford also asked for \$250 million in economic and humanitarian aid for the beleaguered nation.

He refrained from predicting it would enable the South Vietnamese to ward off defeat by the Communists, but he said, "In my judgment, a stabilization of the military situation offers the best opportunity for a political solution."

In the aftermath of the South Vietnamese retreats which permitted the Communists to occupy two-thirds of the countryside, Congress has been reluctant to provide even the smaller earlier request from Ford for \$300 million in arms aid for Saigon.

House Speaker Carl Albert told reporters shortly before delivery of the speech, and after being briefed by the President at the



President Ford

White House, that getting any aid for Vietnam from Congress will be tough.

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, D-Minn., calling Ford's military aid request "unrealistic," said: "It is just far more than the Congress will appropriate. We had just better face the fact that our military role in Vietnam has come to an end. The American

American people have had enough of it."

Both Humphrey and Sen. Dick Clark, D-Iowa, commended Ford's request for humanitarian aid. Humphrey said a bill authorizing such assistance, along with economic help, should be acted on by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee next week.

A Louis Harris poll published Thursday said Americans by a 2-1 margin opposed further military shipments to South Vietnam and Cambodia even if it "would avoid a bloodbath for the people of those countries."

Ford asked Congress to provide the funds by April 19. He also asked for enactment of legislation by that date to enable him to use American troops "for the limited purposes of protecting American lives by ensuring their evacuation, if this should become necessary."

In addition, Ford said this country has a moral obligation to help evacuate tens of thousands of South Vietnamese civilians who work for Americans and additional thousands of intellectuals, editors and teachers whose lives may be endangered.

Meantime, sources disclosed the evacuation of some of the 6,000 Americans in South Vietnam has begun.

In a speech broadcast on radio and television from the House chamber Ford also deplored Congress' refusal to provide arms and food to "the brave Cambodians" when he proposed aid in January.

Ford was careful to avoid blaming the Democratic Congress for South Vietnam's losses. He noted that U.S. public opinion had turned against South Vietnam and Congress by law had banned reintroduction of American forces.

But he noted, too, mistakes by the government of South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu.

The South Vietnamese withdrawal from the Central Highlands which started the recent rout was hastily ordered, Ford said.

"This extremely difficult maneuver, decided upon without consultations, was poorly executed, hampered by floods of refugees, and thus led to panic," he said.

Laying out his case for still further aid for the South Vietnamese in light of widespread public opposition, Ford said America has a moral commitment which surpasses legal obligations.

"Under five Presidents and seven Congresses the United States was engaged in Indochina," he said. "Millions of Americans served, thousands died, and many more were wounded, imprisoned or lost."



Staff photo by Martha Stevens

What happened to April showers?

We had them in March. That monsoon we witnessed toward the end of the month almost made everybody forget what sharp shadows and bright colors look like. But when the sun



Staff photo by Peter Ray



Staff photo by Gary Freen

broke out, so did students all over campus — for classes, for study and for naps.

ERA committee acts after 8 weeks

Campbell denies stalling

by Tim Pittman
Staff Writer

Hartwell Campbell, chairperson of the House Constitutional Amendments Committee, denied Thursday that he had delayed committee action on the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). He also predicted a close vote on the ERA in the N.C. House of Representatives.

The House will vote on the ERA next Tuesday, by virtue of 13-3 vote in the House Constitutional Amendments Committee, which sent the ERA forward with a favorable report.

The committee's action followed eight weeks of deliberations in which proponents of the ERA charged Campbell with using delay tactics. But after the vote, Campbell, D-Wilson, said he does not feel he deserves

the accusations.

"Frankly, charges of delay tactics could have just as easily been applied to the proponents of the bill who wanted to rush this thing through," Campbell told the DTH.

Campbell emphasized that the ERA deserves special and thorough consideration in committee, since it is a constitutional amendment.

"When we pass a bill, if it needs improvement, we can go back in two years and correct it," Campbell said. "But a constitutional amendment is different — after it is ratified, a state legislature can't dot an 'i' or cross a 't' in it.

"When the ERA was introduced, it was blatantly unconstitutional, and the House had never studied it," Campbell said.

"I've tried to maintain a judicious position on this amendment. In the committee we

worked for consensus in the hope that the bill would be considered on its merits."

Campbell said he will vote against the ERA Tuesday, although he expects a close vote.

Campbell, who did not vote in the committee's decision because he is chairperson, told reporters Wednesday that he would try to impede the bill's progress in the House.

"I won't just try to stop it," he said. "I will try to present logical, reasonable and intelligent arguments to the other members in the hope that the bill will be defeated."

Campbell feels that if the ERA passes the House, it will meet little opposition in the Senate.

"Personally, it is my evaluation that the bill faces an easier road to passage in the Senate than in the House," Campbell said.

Black Arts Cultural Festival

Alex Haley, author of the *Autobiography of Malcolm X*, will speak at 7 tonight in Memorial Hall on "Oral History and the Afro-American Past."

The Annual Black Student Movement Picnic will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Fiebert Theater, and at 10 p.m. in the Great Hall the African Cabaret will be presented.

"The Second Coming of Christ" will be presented at 8 p.m. Sunday in Memorial Hall.

Panel okays aid to private schools

by Greg Nye
Staff Writer

A bill that would double state aid to private college students was approved by the N.C. Senate appropriations subcommittee on higher education Tuesday.

The bill, if approved by the General Assembly, will increase state aid to private colleges from \$200 to \$400 for each North Carolina student enrolled.

State funds under the program—proposed by the legislature's Advisory Budget Commission—will be distributed to private schools which will award their scholarships free from state intervention.

The program would increase total state aid to private schools from the current \$4.6 million to \$9.2 million.

In approving the Budget Commission's program the subcommittee rejected an alternate proposal made by the UNC Board of Governors that state aid remain at its current level but be administered by a central state office.

The Board of Governors had proposed that a state scholarship program be set up to award up to \$1,300 to needy North Carolina students. Students were to have applied to a

central state office for the scholarship money and be considered on the basis of their family's net earnings.

But the board's recommendation was attacked by Dr. Cameron West, president of the Independent Colleges and Universities of North Carolina. West told the appropriations subcommittee that state aid could be administered more effectively by the private schools than by the state.

"The \$1,300 scholarship the board has proposed will only be available to people with families earning less than \$4,000," West told the subcommittee. "This scholarship would not cover the full needs of students whose families earn more, but who cannot afford the tuition and costs."

West said Wednesday he was encouraged by the subcommittee's vote. "I am pleased the members recognize the present inequity between public and private college tuition costs," West said.

After approving the bill to increase state aid, leaving private schools to award scholarships, the Senate subcommittee sent the bill to the Senate Appropriations Committee. The measure must now be approved by the Appropriations Committee and then by the full House and Senate.

Financial aid deficit to rise

The University will be unable to meet the financial aid needs of its students next year, and the deficit may reach \$376 per student if the tuition increases proposed by a General Assembly subcommittee are approved, University officials announced Thursday.

The Senate appropriations subcommittee on higher education tentatively agreed on April 4 to raise in-state tuition by \$200 and out-of-state tuition by \$300 at all state schools.

"We are going to be in more need of aid next year, and the situation will be much, much worse with the proposed

tuition hikes," Assistant to the Chancellor John P. Evans said.

Evans said this year the University had a deficit of only \$18 per student. Even without the tuition increases, the projected deficit for next year is \$166 per student.

Evans said the figures were computed by William Geer, director of the Office of Student Aid and account for increases in the prices of books, student fees, room rents and other expenses. Geer was unavailable for comment Thursday.

The information came out of a letter

Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor sent to Consolidated University President William C. Friday Wednesday. Friday is considering the proposed tuition increases and will meet with the subcommittee next week.

"The letter came as a result of consultation between Chancellor Taylor, Mr. Geer and myself," Evans said, "but at the present time I must treat it as a private correspondence between Chancellor Taylor and President Friday."

Chancellor Taylor was unavailable for comment.

Alderman Welsh asks recall

Dispute slows charter passage

by Mike Horne
Staff Writer

Over 18 months ago the Chapel Hill Board of Aldermen appointed a charter commission to overhaul the town's ten-year-old charter, but dissension, hostilities and rivalries within the board have convinced several town officials that the whole idea was a disaster.

Alderman Alice Welsh asked the board Monday night to recall the revised charter before it is examined by the state legislature. This request was blocked only by Mayor Howard Lee's vote, breaking a 3-3 tie.

The board had voted 4-2 to send the charter to the legislature for approval last month.

Obviously dismayed, Lee muttered that last night's vote "spoke well for Chapel Hill's inconsistency."

Mayor Lee also broke a tie on an amendment he proposed Monday to limit the town's power to operate social services. Provision for such services in the revised charter has been the main source of dissension within and outside the board.

Voting with Lee to limit the town's power were Aldermen Gerry Cohen, Shirley Marshall and R.D. Smith. Welsh, Sid Rancer and Tommy Gardner voted to recall the charter and voted against Lee's proposed amendment.

Last week, several county officials accused the town of encroaching upon county powers and services. The criticism concerned a provision among the charter amendments authorizing Chapel Hill to establish a Human Services Department to operate social service programs and a non-profit day care program.

Actually, the inclusion of this provision in the new charter is a formality. The town's Human Services Department,

which has existed since 1972, now provides social services through the Chapel Hill Housing Authority and the Police Department.

The proposals for a social service program and a town-operated day care center were added to the charter revisions just before the charter was sent to the legislature and after a public hearing on charter revisions.

The hurried approval of the two provisions was surprising since charter provision for such services in Chapel Hill is unprecedented. Currently, no municipality in the state has the power to operate social services.

News analysis

"We are asking for more power than is traditionally delegated to municipalities by the state," Welsh said at the Monday meeting. She said social services could be more adequately supplied on the county level, where the base of concern and financial support is broader.

Lee criticized Welsh, saying, "I really don't understand all this bickering. We are being extremely short-sighted if we can't read the cards being handed down by the federal government handing more responsibility to local governments."

Welsh responded by accusing Lee of taking a "myopic view" of the charter.

A third charter provision allowing absentee voting in all municipal elections was also discussed Monday. The amendment was added to the charter revisions after it left the

Charter Commission.

This provision would allow University students to participate in local elections even during campus holidays and summer recesses.

Welsh said all three provisions should have been discussed by the Charter Commission before being added to the charter.

The board met with the commission several times during its 16 months of deliberation on the charter. Absentee voting, social service programs and the day care center were never discussed until the board had approved the commission's final recommendations.

Welsh has contended since the charter discussions began that the board is trying to "sneak through" a new charter.

The aldermen decided last month to send the charter as a package deal to the legislature, avoiding the option of including part of all or the charter revisions in a public referendum.

Welsh suggested that the General Assembly would not bother to examine the provisions carefully and would approve the technically-worded charter with little deliberation.

Obviously, the charter has not been received as favorably as Welsh expected. The House Local Government Committee decided last Wednesday to delay action on the charter, following a hostile public hearing to consider the revisions.

After the turbulent reception of the charter in the legislature, Rep. Trish Hunt, D-Orange, recommended that Chapel Hill hold another public hearing to discuss the revisions.

Final exam schedule

Quizzes are not to be given this semester
on or after Friday, April 18.

All 11:00 a.m. classes on MWF

All 8:00 a.m. classes on TTh, *Phil 21

All 9:00 a.m. classes on MWF

All 3:30 p.m. classes on TTh,

*Phil 41, sec. A-1 & B-2

All 9:30 a.m. classes on TTh

All Fren, Germ, Span, Russ & Port 1, 2, 3, & 4

All 11:00 a.m. classes on TTh

All 5:00 p.m. classes on TTh,

*Busl 71, 72, 73, 160, 170

All 10:00 a.m. classes on MWF

All 2:00 p.m. classes on MWF

All 2:00 p.m. classes on TTh

All 3:00 p.m. classes on MWF

All 8:00 a.m. classes on MWF

All 12:30 p.m. classes on TTh

All 12:00 noon classes on MWF

All 1:00 p.m. classes on MWF

All 4:00 p.m. classes on MWF

All 5:00 p.m. classes on MWF

Mon. Apr. 28 8:30 a.m.

Mon. Apr. 28 2:00 p.m.

Tues. Apr. 29 8:30 a.m.

Tues. Apr. 29 2:00 p.m.

Wed. Apr. 30 8:30 a.m.

Wed. Apr. 30 2:00 p.m.

Thur. May 1 8:30 a.m.

Thur. May 1 2:00 p.m.

Fri. May 2 8:30 a.m.

Fri. May 2 2:00 p.m.

Sat. May 3 8:30 a.m.

Sat. May 3 2:00 p.m.

Mon. May 5 8:30 a.m.

Mon. May 5 2:00 p.m.

Tues. May 6 8:30 a.m.

Tues. May 6 2:00 p.m.

Wed. May 7 8:30 a.m.

Wed. May 7 2:00 p.m.

*Econ 61, sec. 1 & 2 and all classes not
otherwise provided for in this schedule.