

Helms may cause committee rift

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Officially, Senate Foreign Relations Committee members say they look forward to working with Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., as ranking minority member.

But unofficially, some say Helms at the helm is causing a severe division in the committee.

Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., served as committee chairman the past two years when the Republicans controlled the Senate. Helms, who touted his commitment to N.C. farmers in his 1984 campaign, served as chairman of the Senate Agricultural Committee in order to fulfill what he called his duty to North

Carolina. "His career on the Agriculture Committee was undistinguished," said a congressional official who requested to remain anonymous. "The majority of work on the farm bill was done by other senators. The National Soil Conservation Reserve program, one of the real cornerstones of 1985, was authored by Lugar."

When the 100th Congress convened in January, Helms decided to fight for the position of ranking minority member on the Foreign Relations Committee.

Both men were appointed to the committee the same day, but Helms has been a senator longer than

Lugar. The choice was made by the GOP senators at last Tuesday's Republican caucus.

The seven Republican committee members met before the caucus, and voted unanimously for Lugar. Their vote, however, was not considered official.

At the caucus the vote was 24-17 for Helms.

"Helms holds the chair," said Lugar's press secretary Terry Holt, "but does he hold the credibility?"

Committee chairman Sen. Clairborne Pell, D-R.I., said he looks forward to working with Helms.

Because of Helms' uncompromising nature and the obvious differences of opinion he has with many committee members, the unnamed congressional official said the committee may become a "debate society" rather than an effective committee.

Tom Lawton, press secretary for Sen. Terry Sanford, D-N.C., said there are two current schools of thought in Washington about the committee.

One is that it will be a debate society and one is that Pell will be much more effective than people think, he said.

"There may be disagreement," Lawton said, "in fact, there probably will be, but that doesn't mean the committee can't be effective."

Sanford is a member of the committee.

Helms has a long record of opposition to the foreign policies of both Democratic and Republican administrations.

He has criticized former President Jimmy Carter for giving Panama control of the Panama Canal and accused Secretary of State George Shultz of purging true conservatives in the State Department.

"People take (Helms') political power seriously," the unnamed congressional official said, "but in terms of being able to work with, Sen. Helms does not have that kind of personality."

Helms also takes a strong stance on communism. He says it is his duty "to do everything I can to cause this government, and especially the U.S. State Department, to abandon its practice of trying to cozy up to the Marxist countries around the world with appeasement and compromise."

Sen. Frank Murkowski, R-Ala., declined to comment specifically on Helms. He said, "(I) look forward to continuing to work under the new chairman and the new ranking minority member."

Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill., has worked with Helms in the past and has no personal objections to working with him again, said Dave Carle, Simon's press secretary.

"However," Carle said, "he thinks there may be more division on the Republican side of the committee than with the committee as a whole."

Shultz puts Beirut off limits; group claims kidnappings

From Associated Press reports

BEIRUT, Lebanon — A group calling itself Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine claimed responsibility Wednesday for the abduction of three American teachers and an Indian professor from a west Beirut campus.

In London the Church of England said the Archbishop of Canterbury had received assurances that his envoy, Terry Waite, was safe and continuing his mission to free foreign captives in Lebanon.

In Washington on Wednesday, the State Department ruled Lebanon off-limits to U.S. citizens and warned that violators could face up to five years in prison.

Rebels leave station

MANILA, Philippines — The defense minister announced Thursday that 200 rebels had agreed to end their two-day occupation of a Manila broadcasting complex.

The end of the occupation, which began early Tuesday, was announced after a two-hour meeting between military leaders and Col. Oscar Canlas, who led the group of leader mutineers who took over the studios.

News in Brief

Gorbachev holds sway

MOSCOW — The Communist Party expelled two old guard stalwarts from its highest ranks Wednesday and gave Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev greater control of the powerful secretariat, but it did not make some reforms he proposed.

The two-day plenum of more than 300 Central Committee members did not fulfill the rumors of dramatic leadership changes, and its results suggested disagreement over some programs Gorbachev included in his lengthy speech Tuesday.

Athlete in drug rehabilitation

OAKLAND, Calif. — Chris Washburn, the Golden State Warriors' rookie who played for N.C. State, voluntarily entered a drug treatment center Wednesday, the NBA team announced.

Washburn, who had been placed on the Warriors' injured list on Tuesday for kidney problems unrelated to the drug problem, is expected to remain under treatment for a minimum of four weeks, the team announced.

Martin introduces 2-year state budget

From Associated Press reports

RALEIGH — Gov. Jim Martin unveiled Wednesday a \$19.6 billion state budget proposal for fiscal 1987-89 that would give teachers and state employees annual 4.5 percent pay raises and set in motion statewide implementation of the Career Ladder Plan.

The budget, the first produced entirely by the Republican governor's administration, also seeks an additional \$457 million for public schools under the Basic Education Program, including funds to hire new teachers and other personnel, purchase textbooks and expand remedial summer school.

Martin also calls for spending increases to ease prison crowding, expand anti-drug abuse programs, implement his "blueprint" for economic development, repair and construction of state buildings and hire 100 new State Highway Patrol officers.

The budget calls for no major tax increase and is based on the assumption that state revenues will rise by 16.6 percent over the biennium, reflecting mild economic growth.

"This is the kind of budget that deals with the needs of the state within the available revenues," Martin said during a meeting of the Advisory Budget Commission at which he made his proposals public.

Martin told members of the commission, which includes some of the General Assembly's most influential Democrats, that his budget puts "the kind of emphasis on public education that you want,"

believe there has been a general

recognition in the General Assembly and in the public at large . . . that our public schools are an area where we've got to do more," Martin said. Education "should be our first . . . priority."

Legislative leaders reacted cautiously to the governor's proposals.

"Basically, I think it sounds good, but I reserve the right of not saying I endorse it wholeheartedly until I digest it," said Sen. Harold Hardison, D-Lenoir, former State Appropriations Committee chairman and ABC member.

The ABC balked at Martin's request for a quick endorsement of his package, voting instead to study it and meet again Feb. 6 — three days before the 1987 General Assembly convenes.

Martin said he hoped the ABC would give his budget at least conditional approval, even though the group is predominantly Democratic.

"Think of the additional momentum that will give to it," Martin said. "That doesn't mean the majority of the General Assembly (will) ultimately go along with this, but it would be a great advantage . . . to have support of the Advisory Budget Commission."

But Rep. Billy Watkins, D-Granville, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, said Martin should simply present the package to the legislature without seeking ABC backing, since the commission's role in developing the budget was greatly reduced from past years.

Speaker discusses problem of deterrence, advocates world peace without violence

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Non-violent "people power" is the solution to international and domestic aggression, Gene Sharp told about 250 people in Hanes Art Center Wednesday night.

"The means by which one tries to gain defense have historically . . . been military," but deterrence by nuclear war is wrong, said Sharp, a faculty member at the Center for International Affairs at Harvard University.

The speech, "National Defense without War," was sponsored by the UNC department of peace, war and defense.

Deterrence works when a nation can convince its enemy that it will cause more damage than any aggression can justify, he said.

"You can never guarantee that

nuclear deterrence will succeed. It's possible that it will fail," he said. "If nuclear deterrence fails . . . this is extraordinarily serious."

War, when the "good guys" use it for defense against aggression, is a necessary evil, Sharp said. But the aggressors usually have greater military power.

"But we need to recognize there is more than one way to get a job done," he said. "There are other ways of providing defense which are not military."

Instead of using military violence as a weapon, peaceful opponents should use psychological, social, economic and political weapons to paralyze an oppressive system, he said.

Non-violent resistance through "people power" has been left out of

history books, but in the past people have organized to confront both internal and external oppressors, Sharp said.

Sharp cited the expulsion of former Filipino president Ferdinand Marcos as a successful non-violent mobilization of the people. When churches and election workers denounced the elections as a fraud, Marcos' military support abandoned him, rendering him powerless, he said.

Sharp said his ideas about defense are new and problematic, but they deserve research and public discussion. He said the West can broadcast messages of freedom and peaceful struggle into Eastern Europe.

Switzerland, Yugoslavia and Sweden have added non-violent resistance components to their

defense programs while keeping their military intact for protection, Sharp said.

He said his non-violent solution could help to deal with terrorism in places of the world where people have reasonable goals but are living with injustice and oppression.

"We can convince them that there's a more effective way to achieve their objectives through the means I've described," he said.

Non-violent struggle would be a better way of reacting to state-sponsored terrorism than launching bombing raids as the United States did against Libya last April, Sharp said.

"(Bombing) only convinces the terrorists and that country that they did not have enough violence," he said.

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