

REPORT FROM U.S. Senator JESSE HELMS

WASHINGTON—A week or so ago, a group of some 40 or more men and women came to our office one morning to demand, according to some of my associates, that the federal government spend more on welfare and, as one of the group is reported to have put it, "cut our defense spending."

The men in the group identified themselves as clergymen. Whether they are, in fact, ministers, I do not know. I regret that I did not see them; I was involved at the time in an important meeting of the Agriculture and Forestry Committee of which I am a member.

No Senator has sufficient office space to accommodate 40 visitors at one time. The group was invited to designate four or five spokesmen to come in for a discussion with my administrative assistant. The invitation was declined, so my representative met with them in the corridor outside our office. Some members of the group were irritated, and claimed to be "insulted" that all 40-odd people in the group were not invited in at one time; a threat was voiced that "We will defeat Senator Helms in the next election."

In fairness, it should be emphasized that one member of the group apologized for the threat. He had come inside our offices, and had taken note of the limited space.

INTIMIDATION—I mention this incident because it is fairly typical of the kind of pressure some groups attempt to exert upon Senators. Not long ago, we had thousands of welfare recipients roaming the corridors of the Senate Office Buildings. Several Senators did a bit of checking, and are convinced that the travel expenses of these protestors were paid, directly or indirectly, by so-called government "anti-poverty" organizations around the country. If so, that means that you, the working, tax-paying citizens, were picking up the tab for this vast excursion into Washington by those who seek continued handouts from the federal treasury.

I am not going to be intimidated by crowds like this. They cannot frighten me with their threats. I don't believe in paying people not to work, and if I have to support that kind of foolishness in order to stay in Washington, I'll gladly return to North Carolina.

WORKERS NEEDED—Moreover, the one thing I have heard more often than anything else since I've been here is the plight of employers who cannot find enough people willing to work for a living.

Countless farmers have appeared before the Agriculture Committee to report that they cannot find people willing to help them harvest their crops. Freight cars loaded with grain stand idle at ports for days at a time, simply because there isn't enough labor to unload the cars. Construction projects are delayed because too few people are available to work. Yet the clamor continues to subsidize millions of non-working Americans at the taxpayers' expense.

I'm all in favor of helping those who truly need help, and who can't help themselves. But my personal feeling is that these hordes of people who are able to travel to Washington, D.C., to demand federal handouts ought to stay home and go to work.

NOTICE OF SALE OF PROPERTY FOR DELINQUENT 1972 TAXES

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Table listing property owners and delinquent 1972 taxes. Includes names like Barnes, Clyde R., Barrow, Hugh, and various lot numbers and amounts.

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