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Deadline passes

Nixon to seek 'lasting peace'

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The United States let pass the Communists' October 31 cease-fire signing deadline Tuesday and said President Nixon would not be rushed because he is seeking "a lasting peace." Diplomatic sources in Paris said Hanoi had not yet accepted a U.S. proposal for a final secret meeting to wrap up an accord.

There was no firm indication when a Vietnam cease-fire would be signed but White House officials said it was "improbable" there would be any signing before the November 7 presidential election.

"The only deadline we're operating under is the one that will bring about the right kind of an agreement," Presidential press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said.

Despite their protests voiced in Paris, the Vietnamese Communists reacted mildly and called on Washington to sign "as soon as possible" the cease-fire agreement disclosed last Thursday by both North Vietnam and the United States.

Informed Paris diplomatic sources said although Hanoi has not yet accepted a United States proposal for a final secret negotiating session there is a great deal of activity behind the scenes aimed at arranging such a meeting with President Nixon's security advisor, Dr. Henry A. Kissinger.

They said much of this behind-the-scenes activity also was connected with United States efforts to nail down agreement on withdrawal of the estimated 14 North Vietnamese army divisions from the South. South Vietnam was reported asking for assurances that Hanoi would withdraw its troops from the South under a peace accord.

The Paris sources said it is not yet certain whether the final round of talks will be in Paris. They said the United States is willing to meet North Vietnam's top negotiators anywhere convenient to

them. However, they expressed doubt this meeting would be in Hanoi.

The sources added that all information reaching them about these behind-the-scenes "activities" confirms Kissinger's recent statement that peace is at hand, even if a definite date for a cease-fire agreement cannot yet be set.

In London, diplomatic dispatches said both the Soviet Union and China — each acting on its own — were urging Hanoi to be flexible and continue negotiations with the United States for an end to the war. In Paris workmen continued rushing preparations for a singing ceremony at the site of the marathon peace talks.

In Saigon the South Vietnamese said "substantive problems" must be settled before there can be a cease-fire. A special envoy of President Nguyen Van Thieu said in Tokyo South Vietnam wants assurances that North Vietnamese troops would be withdrawn from South Vietnam under a peace agreement.



One of the last

King Nyle I of the Invisible Universe is almost ready to leave for a wide-ranging tour but he stayed around for a few days to give a concert in The Pit for UNICEF Tuesday. (Staff photo by Tom Lassiter)

Seeking advice on the draft?

by James Cuthbertson
Staff Writer

Suppose you are from New York and you've just received a letter requiring you to appear before your local draft board for your physical. You are in Chapel Hill and you have no way of getting to New York without severe inconvenience. What do you do?

"You can transfer your physical by taking the letter to the Selective Service Board in Hillsborough at 117 N. Churton St. Your local draft board will send the medical forms to Hillsborough and your physical will then be given at the Armed Forces Examining Center in Raleigh," said Bruce Layton, coordinator of the Chapel Hill Draft Counseling Center.

The center, sponsored by Student Government, has been in operation for four years. An average of 75 people are counseled per week by its dozen counselors.

What do students ask? Most of the inquiries are similar.

The bulk of freshmen seek information on where to register. "They do not have to go home to register. They may register in room 101 of Hanes Hall at the Veterans Advisor's office," Layton said.

"You must register 30 days before or after you turn 18," he added. "If you don't, you are liable for prosecution until five days past your 31st birthday. The penalty is imprisonment of up to five years or a \$10,000 fine or both for not registering."

"We recommend that when a freshman registers, he give his home address, if he is on speaking terms with his parents, or some other permanent address because all selective service mail has to be answered in a few days," Layton said.

When can you be drafted? Anyone without a deferment can be drafted in the calendar year in which they turn 20. Seniors called for induction in the middle of the semester or at the end of the semester may finish that semester and the rest of the year.

Deferment can be obtained for a variety of reasons. If someone can prove that a member of his family is financially, physically or psychologically dependent upon him, if he has certain medical problems, if he has had a relative killed in the armed services since 1959, is a sole surviving son or preparing for the ministry, he may avoid the draft, according to Layton.

Some students who perceive warfare as morally, philosophically or religiously indefensible may apply for a conscientious objector status. There are two types of conscientious objectors, according to Layton. One type performs civilian service while the other serves in the armed services as a non-combatant, many as medics.

The office hours of the center are from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday. For more information or emergency counseling, call the center at 933-5550.

State legislative priorities listed Women voters offer candidates a forum

by Mary Ellis Gibson
Staff Writer

Candidates for the N.C. State House and State Senate concurred in a meeting Monday night that education and environmental legislation should be the top priorities for the next legislative session.

The meeting, sponsored by the Chapel Hill League of Women Voters and the Carrboro Civic Club was intended to allow candidates to express their views on campaign issues.

Improvements in the juvenile court

system, child abuse legislation and proper care for people "suffering from drug abuse" should be important concerns, according to A.B. Coleman, Democratic candidate for State Senate.

The Hillsborough lawyer stressed the importance of legislation to control special interests in the legislature and in elections.

Republican State Senate candidate David Drexel called "waste in government" a problem of top priority.

"There are many people who are not being heard — students and wage earners — and they're concerned about waste,"

the salesman from Southern Pines said.

UNC graduate P.H. Craig emphasized the importance of the University and higher education.

William P. Saunders, the Democratic incumbent in the Senate race, also listed education as his top priority.

Legislation to penalize drunken drivers, to protect the environment and to improve mental and other health care is also important, the retired textile executive said.

Education was unanimously named the most important concern of state government by the four candidates for

the State House.

"The salary of our teachers should be brought up to the national average as soon as possible," Republican Elmer Hughes contended.

Expenditures and waste in other state programs should be reduced to provide more funds for education, Hughes added.

Statewide public kindergartens should be a priority for the next General Assembly, according to Democrat Ed Holmes.

The Pittsboro lawyer also stressed the importance of environmental legislation, including purchase of additional parkland and stricter coastal zoning laws, and mental health care and prison reforms.

Republican candidate Barry Burns, a math teacher, also stressed the need for improved public education.

"Public school teachers should be hired on a 12-month, full-time basis," he said.

Trish Stanford, Democratic candidate, cited inadequacies in North Carolina education.

Improvements in education should include emphasis on vocational education and public kindergarten, Stanford, a public school guidance counselor, said.

Erick Little is having problems

by Greg Turosak
Staff Writer

If you think George McGovern is having problems, you should hear about Erick Little.

The 39-year-old building contractor from Wilson, with not a day's experience in public office in his life, is trying to prevent lifetime politician L.H. Fountain, the Democratic incumbent, from election to an 11th straight term to the U.S. House from North Carolina's Second Congressional District.

And all this without a cent of help from Republican national funds.

Fountain has breezed through the last two elections virtually unopposed. His organization has paid scant attention to Little and does not see him as having a realistic chance of an upset.

At the same time, Little and his staff in Orange County are also under no illusions that a victory may be at hand.

Guy Novak, a UNC student and Little's campaign manager for Orange County, recently put Little's chances of victory like this: "If McGovern loses in November, and Little wins, it would then become the biggest upset in the country."

Little himself admits that "to be elected, I have to be elected by a coalition of votes." A majority of voters in the Second District are registered Democrats.

Novak said in order to win in next week's election, Little is going to have to stay fairly even with Fountain in the counties outside of Orange County, and produce an exceptionally fine showing in Orange County itself.

Little has moved his campaign into a full-time operation in the last few weeks before the election, and he has been forced mainly to rely on personal appearances for convincing people to vote for him. Because of lack of funds, he is spending only one tenth the amount on television ads as his opponent.

Novak's strategy in Orange County has been to try and give everyone a reason for voting for Little. He said he tells the Nixon people to vote for Little because he's a fellow Republican, and the McGovern people for the reason that Little is not as conservative as Fountain.

Little and Fountain are similar on many issues, but they also have their differences. Both are anti-busing and more or less support Nixon's handling of the Vietnam war. Novak claims the

biggest difference between the two is the environment.

Other issues high on the Little priority list include increased voice for farmers in the Second District and increased jobs and industry in a district which is 68 percent rural.

Little himself claims the biggest difference is "attitude."

"Fountain has the same attitude he had 20 years ago," said Little. "The times have changed, and he hasn't changed with them." He accused Fountain of "a great deal of apathy and very little action."

Little is having his problems. Against such a deeply-embedded incumbent, his name is less common, and the Republicans are afraid to risk giving him any funds. So Little is going it alone, and like McGovern, he doesn't plan on giving up until election day.

No more buttons?

UNC Personnel Director Jack H. Gunnells attempted to smooth some ruffled feathers Tuesday as he explained the purposes behind a recent memo on political activities among University staff employees.

University employees received the memo Friday with their pay checks.

The memo clarified University policy regarding the illegal use of work time or funds in supporting or opposing candidates, parties and issues. It also stated that staff employees must maintain a neutral position on issues and candidates while at work and that if they run for political office, they must resign their University jobs.

According to Gunnells, the memo was intended only for those University employees classified as staff. The two other employee classifications are EPA (faculty) and student.

Gunnells said the memo was sent because of the quantity of questions coming from various departments concerning political activities of employees. Gunnells cited the time of the year as a factor in the increased number of questions.

Gunnells added that the memo contained the positive element of encouraging employees to register and vote, although on their own time.



Which way?

A driver going the wrong way might look twice before realizing this is not meant to be a directional sign for a wayward traveler trying to find his way to heaven ... until the policeman spots him. (Staff photo by Tom Lassiter)

More snooping charged to GOP

United Press International

WASHINGTON — In what Republicans called a last-minute attempt to prevent President Nixon's re-election, House investigators charged Tuesday GOP campaign officials may have monitored Democratic congressmen's bank accounts and kept tabs on the love lives of Democratic campaign workers.

The report prepared by House Banking committee staff members was released to committee members with a covering memo by Chairman Wright Patman (D-Texas) who called it an updated account of a committee investigation into the Watergate break-in and alleged bugging at Democratic national headquarters.

Quoting an unnamed source "in which the committee staff has utmost confidence," the report said that former GOP campaign treasurer Hugh Sloan bragged at a late 1971 luncheon meeting that the GOP could monitor the bank accounts of Democratic senators and House members.

The report also included a long interview with former FBI agent Alfred C. Baldwin III, the government's chief witness in the June 17 break-in at the Watergate, who said he was hired by

Republicans to monitor political conversations of Democratic campaign workers at the Watergate, and to also report on any that dealt with their love lives.

Nixon's re-election committee, in a statement, charged that the finance committee staff "has again been used by its chairman, Wright Patman, to rescue the sinking campaign of George McGovern."

"Their latest dishonest collection of innuendo and fourth-hand hearsay is nothing more than an eleventh-hour attempt to save Mr. Patman's candidate for president from what may be one of the worst defeats in American political history."

In his memo, Patman said he was releasing a report that had been requested by the committee at its last meeting October 12.

But Rep. Ben Blackburn (R-Ga.), a committee member, said the release was "totally unauthorized." He called it "a last-ditch move of desperate Democrat doctrinaires on the committee staff."

Patman twice sought approval for a full committee investigation of allegations of financial irregularities in the Nixon campaign but lost out to a coalition of Republicans and Southern Democrats on the panel.