

East focuses on military in U.S. Senate drive

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John East

"(Sen. Robert) Morgan cannot deny the truth. The United States is no longer No. 1 in defense. And as Sen. Jesse Helms points out, America's lack of defense capability invites Soviet expansion.

"Robert Morgan and I differ on national defense because I recognize the threat to peace posed by growing Soviet military superiority. And I will work to reverse this trend and regain American defense superiority to keep the peace."

John East

This emphasis on American military supremacy is the heart of Republican John East's senatorial campaign. In television advertisements and in public speeches, he has attacked U.S. Sen. Robert Morgan's attitude toward foreign and defense policy issues. Specifically, East faults Morgan's support of:

- the Panama Canal treaties—"By voting to give up the Panama Canal, Mr. Morgan gave in to international blackmail

and weakened America's resolve in the eyes of the rest of the world," East said.

- \$75 million in aid to Nicaragua — "The Marxist government in Nicaragua has jailed political opponents and enforced vigorous censorship of a free press. There is a strong possibility that Nicaragua may be used as a base by Cuban Communists in a future attempt to encircle and cut off the vital Mexican oil fields."

- discontinuing the B-1 bomber — "President Carter and Mr. Morgan canceled the B-1 bomber (which was) needed to improve our (defense) capability." Morgan, however, maintains that he supported B-1 production until Carter decided to cancel the project, and said other conservative senators joined him in ending its appropriations.

While the more visible focus of East's campaign is foreign policy, the East Carolina University political science professor is equally conservative in domestic policy. His political stance differs little from that of Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., who strongly supports him.

For instance, one campaign brochure links Morgan with Patricia Harris, who is labeled an "anti-tobacco bureaucrat." East favors protective tariffs on imported tobacco and opposes the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' anti-smoking campaign.

East, also favors exempting farmers and livestock owners from consumer agency controls and giving agricultural interests priority in the event of gas rationing.

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Calling Morgan a "big spender," East opposes deficit spending and favors cuts in the federal budget. He offers voters a broad conservative perspective instead of specific goals on specific issues.

Born in Springfield, Ill., East attended Earlham College in Indiana and was a first lieutenant in the Marine Corps before polio confined him to a wheelchair in 1955. He graduated from the University of Illinois law school in 1959 but quickly became dissatisfied with law practice. After receiving master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Florida, he joined the East Carolina faculty in 1964.

Morgan has criticized East for running a negative campaign and misrepresenting the incumbent's position on various issues.

East insists that he has a good chance to unseat the Democrat, despite Morgan's prediction that he will carry 93 of the state's 100 counties. The conservative Congressional Club, which is handling a number of Republican campaigns in the state, is betting on East, and officials say he is the Republican with the best chance to beat a Democrat this year.

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Six reasons to vote Democratic Tuesday, November 4th:

Charles E. Vickery
Charles Vickery, a Chapel Hill resident, has been elected to the North Carolina State Senate for the past three terms. He is the senior partner of the law firm Vickery, Culppeper and Wollington.

Vickery has supported and will continue to work for: a balanced budget for North Carolina, tax relief legislation, passage of the Equal Rights Amendment, protection of the family farm, criminal justice reform, and new programs concerning our energy, education, and inflation problems.

Vickery says, "At a time when the problems facing government have become very complex, when the plight of many Americans has been forgotten, the Republican platform offers simple answers to complicated questions; it fails to remember the farmer, the poor, the minorities, women. As a candidate, I offer experience in government, a commitment to fiscal responsibility and perseverance in the fight for justice."

Russell Walker

Russell Walker, a retired supermarket executive, has served three terms in the State Senate. Walker is currently Chair of the North Carolina Democratic Party.

His leadership has also greatly contributed to the progress North Carolina has made in areas such as conservation of energy, improving the quality of public education, and bringing in more high-wage industry. He supports the Equal Rights Amendment.

Walker says, "I ask for your support this year in the expectation that the next session of the General Assembly will be a particularly important one. We will face many problems—declining highway revenues, high interest and mortgage rates, rising energy costs, inflation, and unemployment—which the current economic situation poses for our state. I believe my experience and seniority can serve the district well as crucial decisions are made in the months ahead."

Joe Hackney

Joe Hackney is seeking his first term in the North Carolina House (the seat open due to the retirement of Representative Ed Holmes). Hackney supports the Equal Rights Amendment, continued progress on environmental legislation, criminal law and domestic relations law reform, maintaining the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill as the flagship of our University system, and continuing attempts to upgrade salaries of teachers and public employees.

Hackney, a native of Chatham County, is a graduate of the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and the University's Law School. A former Assistant District Attorney, he is presently a practicing lawyer in the Chapel Hill firm of Epting, Hackney, and Long.

Trish Hunt

Hunt believes that preventing problems of health and welfare is a more efficient, realistic and reasonable approach than trying to repair the ills of society once they are created. To this end, she has continuously supported health and welfare programs aimed at making the next generation better able to handle itself and its world.

Hunt is an active supporter of the Equal Rights Amendment and is constantly working to end discrimination against women and minorities.

In the Legislature, she is considered one of the most influential members, rated by the North Carolina Center for Public Policy Research as the most influential female Legislator and ranked twelfth out of 170 overall. She has served for four years as the Chair of a judiciary committee, handling some of the most important legislation in 1977 and 1979 sessions. She is a practicing attorney in Chapel Hill.

Orange County Board of Commissioners

Richard E. Whitted

Richard E. Whitted is a native of Orange County and lives in Hillsborough with his wife Annie and daughter Kimberly Anne. He was elected to the Orange County Board of Commissioners in 1972 and was re-elected in 1976.

The most important functions of the Board of Commissioners are the determining of how much money is needed for operating essential services of county departments and agencies, and the levying of taxes to fund those services.

"Allocating this money is a heavy responsibility; at the same time, it is our greatest opportunity to make a contribution to the quality of life enjoyed by citizens of our county," Whitted says.

Don Wilhoit

Four years ago the voters of Orange County elected Don Wilhoit to the Board of Commissioners. As an Environmental Scientist on the University of North Carolina Public Health faculty, his professional expertise has brought an important perspective to Board deliberations.

The major responsibilities county government are land use planning, funding of the local schools, and providing human services. In the last four years Orange County has emerged a leader in these areas.

Wilhoit says, "It takes time and caring to study issues and data, to weigh priorities, to search for alternatives, to build cooperative relationships, to struggle to do the best possible job for the least possible cost."

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