

Meese appointed amid controversy

Edwin W. Meese III was confirmed by the Senate Saturday as attorney general, more than one year after President Reagan nominated him.

Little debate preceded the 63-31 vote, which followed a five-day filibuster by Farm Belt senators trying to get promises of relief for economically hard-pressed farmers. All the votes against Meese were cast by Democrats.

Sen. Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, one of Meese's most vocal critics, said many serious ethical questions surrounding Meese still remained unanswered.

"Let us not kid ourselves; Mr. Meese's conduct has not indicated that he is a paragon of virtue. I would guess, as others, he will be confirmed this afternoon. We can only hope Mr. Meese's future conduct will be better than his past conduct," he said.

But Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman J. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., said Meese "was selected and appointed by President Reagan. It is assumed he is a man of character and qualified for the position. Meese is a man of broad

experience and he got a clean bill of health." Meese, who will be sworn in today, will replace William French Smith as attorney general.

Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole, R-Kan., negotiated with farm state senators to reach a breakthrough in the filibuster. Democrats and Republicans agreed to consider the problems of farmers by allowing farm relief amendments to be added to an African famine relief bill.

Opposition to Meese's nomination centered around allegations that he had acted unethically on several occasions, including charges that he had failed to disclose an interest-free loan, provided federal jobs for people who had done financial favors for him, and received preferential treatment in gaining an Army Reserve promotion.

But Thurmond said Meese had undergone "the most intense and exhaustive scrutiny I have witnessed in my Senate career."

"In every case," he said, "the acts have clearly shown that Mr. Meese has violated no criminal laws and has acted ethically in his business and personal dealings."

Analysts debate arms spending changes

By JILL GERBER
Staff Writer

To achieve good relations with the Soviet Union and control the arms race, the United States must strive for a balance of power in its military policies, a guest panelist said on the February 21 episode of "Globe Watch," a television series produced by WUNC that addresses foreign affairs issues.

"You have to be firm in dealing with the Soviets, but you need to use a firmness that makes good sense between the two countries and for the rest of the world," said Sen. Paul Sarbanes, D-Md. Sarbanes advocated building up U.S. defenses at reduced levels, without trying to have more nuclear arms than the USSR. The resources both countries are pouring into the arms race would be saved, he said.

"Try to work your arms down," Sarbanes said. "That, I think, gives you greater stability and less tension."

It will be difficult to reduce the defense budget because President Reagan and Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger see the United States only in military terms, he said. There are other dimensions of the government, such as economics, diplomatic skills and principles of freedom that have caused other countries to look to the United States and should not be ignored, Sarbanes said.

"The one basic criticism I have toward the Reagan administration is that it is one-dimensional. It sees America's strength in military terms only. You should use it (military strength) as a checkmate, a counterbalance," he said.

But David R. Gergen, a former

Reagan advisor, defended the Reagan record on arms control.

"Most Americans prefer the Reagan approach, which is that we should not let ourselves fall into a disadvantage. Reagan's foreign policy is making us more secure."

Gergen said Reagan understood foreign policy enough to be an effective president. The understanding of foreign policy by presidents in general rely on the instincts of the president and the quality of his advisors, he said.

"If Ronald Reagan took a 100-question quiz on arms control, would he get every question right? The answer is no, but he understands the situation. I think President Reagan in more concerned about arms control than people think," Gergen said.

Reagan should be judged by the effectiveness of his policy, not by his intelligence, Gergen said in response to an article in the *New Republic* describing the president's mind as "second-rate."

"Globe Watch" host Dr. James Leutze, UNC professor of history and chairman of the curriculum in Peace, War and Defense, stated his own views at the end of the program.

Leutze said the United States must use something other than military strength to show political greatness, and said intelligence should be an important factor in evaluating presidential performance.

"I see intelligence as a mark of flexibility. Flexibility allows you to be less dependent on ideology. I would like to believe that we need intelligence in the Presidency," Leutze said.

"Globe Watch" airs at 8 p.m. on Thursdays, with a repeat at 12:30 p.m. on Sundays, and runs through March 16.

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For one game, at least, they disproved him, and he knew it.

"I went out and thanked the crowd afterwards," he said, emphasizing his forgiveness. "The crowd really was great. They played a part."

Three-quarters of an hour after the crowd had filtered out for the last time, Smith made his final postgame departure from the building. At the exit near

his office, he stopped to sign one last autograph, while he struggled to hold his briefcase and several gift-wrapped packages, the contents of which were anyone's guess.

The irony is that this afternoon the team will return to Carmichael Auditorium, where it will prepare intensely for its upcoming game with Georgia Tech. But dark curtains will close off each portal, as they always do, shielding practice from the general public. For the time being, the Tar Heels will still call the building home, but the curtains will ensure that no one will see them play there again.

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Vietnamese troops mobilize along Thailand border

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ARANYAPRATHET, Thailand
Tens of thousands of Vietnamese troops massed along Thailand's border following a campaign against Cambodian rebels and are itching for a fight with Thai troops. Thai military commanders said Saturday.

Thai Supreme Commander Arthit Kamlang-ek said parts of seven Vietnamese divisions are deployed along the 450-mile Thai-Cambodian border.

Rescue ordered

MANILA, Philippines The armed forces ordered a massive rescue operation Saturday for a Roman Catholic bishop, three nuns, and five other people kidnapped by Moslem separatist rebels near the southern port of Zamboanga.

"Utilize all available military and police units in the area but take all necessary measures to ensure the safety of the victims," Lt. Gen. Fidel Rames said in a directive to the southern command in the troubled Mindanao-Sulu region.

Peace talks possible

AMMAM, Jordan — A Jordanian government spokesman said Saturday that Jordan will continue its efforts to negotiate a Middle East peace settlement despite recent objections raised by the Palestinian Liberation Organization.

Acting Information Minister Taher Hikmat called a press conference to release the text of an accord signed Feb. 11 by PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and Jordan's King Hussein. The accord includes plans for a confederation of Jordan and Palestinian states and formation of

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a joint Jordanian-PLO negotiating team to enter peace talks with Israel.

Protesters arrested

FRANKFURT, West Germany — Nearly 1,200 protesters threw rocks and firecrackers at police Saturday after marching through city streets to protest planned road construction projects.

Police said 35 protesters were arrested and four were treated for slight injuries. It was not clear whether charges would be filed.

Fire kills 50

NEW DELHI, India — A pre-dawn fire killed more than 50 passengers aboard a crowded train Saturday carrying nearly two dozen wedding guests, the United News of India reported.

India's largest English-language daily newspaper, the *Indian Express*, quoted unofficial sources as saying at least 70 people died. The cause of the fire was still under investigation.

Police arrest 51

NEW YORK — Police arrested 51 anti-abortion protesters from nine states in Bridgeport, Pa. Saturday after the demonstrators attacked an abortion clinic and occupied examination rooms, waiting areas and offices.

In Texas, officials said Saturday a fire that leveled a Dallas-area abortion clinic has been ruled arson and is under investigation.

Bomb kills employee

PARIS A bomb exploded at a British department store as it opened for business Saturday in the busiest shopping district of Paris, killing one employee and injuring 15 other people, police said.

The blast demolished the rear entrance of Marks and Spencer just one minute after the store opened, injuring employees, passers-by and shoppers waiting to enter, police said. It stripped the concrete off the store's structural steel frame and sprayed scattered shards of glass 100 yards.

Guard hijacks jet

BEIRUT, Lebanon — An airport guard wearing a bandolier of grenades and demanding a promotion hijacked a jetliner from Beirut to Cyprus and back Saturday. One man who fled the plane was struck by engine exhaust and killed.

Thirteen people were injured in the scramble to leave the plane — which flew to Cyprus, then returned to Beirut, where the hijacker surrendered to Moslem militia officers and was taken to a militia stronghold in the Shouf mountains.

Defense cuts urged

WASHINGTON — A report by the National Governors Association Saturday recommended cuts in military spending and tax increases if necessary to bring down the federal budget deficit.

The nation's 50 governors opened their winter meeting Sunday amid growing concern that the deficit threatens the economic recovery most states are enjoying.

Craige's postage sale receives stamp of approval

Craige residence hall is selling 22-cent stamps for 25 cents, but a representative from the U.S. Postal Service said it was legal.

"I don't see why they can't (sell the stamps)," the representative said. "They have to buy them from us, so I guess they are no different from drugstores and other commercial places that sell stamps from vending machines. They are usually two or three cents higher, also."

"I don't like it," said Robin Gower, a junior from Raleigh living in Craige. "Since they didn't charge extra for 20-cent stamps, they shouldn't charge extra for 22-cent stamps."

The Craige staff decided to sell stamps in the residence hall to save residents the trip to Franklin Street, said

Sylvester Taylor, assistant area director. Taylor said profits will go back to the Residence Hall Association and be used as needed.

The stamps are available at the information desk during the regular office hours.

— ROBERT KEEFE

Housing lottery held today

It's that lottery time of year again. Housing contracts will be spun in the cage today at 5 p.m., and University Housing administrators will pull out the names of the lucky few who will live on campus for another year.

About half of the 6,808 spaces available on campus are reserved for incoming freshmen and transfer students, so about half of the current residents will need to find alternative housing, said Jan Weaver, administrative secretary for University Housing.

Because of graduating seniors and students who choose to live off-campus next year, however, Weaver said University Housing expected the lottery to keep only 500 to 700 women and 200 to 400 men from having the on-campus housing they want.

Students who miss out on the lottery and still want on-campus housing will be placed on a waiting list. Those who choose to look for off-campus housing will receive a full refund of their \$75 deposit.

Results of the lottery will be posted in residence halls after the drawing.

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