

New book slams State Department

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Staff Writer

State Department officials collaborated with the Romanian communists to hide human rights abuses, according to a book by David Funderburk, former U.S. ambassador to Romania.

The 250-page book, "Pinstripes and Reds: An American Ambassador Caught Between the State Department and the Romanian Communists, 1981-1985," criticizes the State Department for trading military secrets as well as hiding human rights violations in Eastern European communist countries.

Funderburk said he wrote the book because the oppression of Romanian people needs to be recognized. The Washington-based Selous Founda-

tion Press will publish the book. "I wanted to show the collaboration between the elite in the State Department and the communists in Romania," Funderburk said.

For example, the department and the Romanian government conspired to hide the murder of a Catholic priest, he said.

Funderburk said he criticized the department for trading military information with the Romanian government because it jeopardized U.S. security interests.

The Selous Foundation Press will print 5,000 first-run hardback copies to be distributed world-wide, followed by a paperback edition within a few years, said Ralph Galliano, treasurer of the two-year-old

foundation. "We felt that it was a very important book to publish — that there's a definite message about the communists in the Romanian government and the bureaucracy in the State Department," Galliano said.

The foundation decided to publish the book exactly as Funderburk had written it, although other publishers had wanted the former ambassador to change it, Galliano said.

Funderburk, a consultant for the U.S. Department of Education, said he signed an agreement when he served as ambassador that prohibited him from releasing classified information and publishing information about his work without the State Department's approval.

"I sent a copy of the book to them, and they harassed me (about it) for several months," Funderburk said. "In fact, I had to hire an attorney to protect my rights."

Funderburk said the contract allowed the State Department to prevent publication only if the books contained state secrets. Although the book criticizes department policies, it does not contain any classified information, he said.

State Department officials could not be reached for comment.

Funderburk, who challenged former Sen. Jim Broyhill, R-N.C., for the 1984 Republican Senate nomination and lost, has written several books. He is also the author of about 30 published articles.

Kirkpatrick won't join race for Republican nomination

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — Jeane Kirkpatrick, the conservative former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, said Sunday she would not seek the Republican nomination for president in 1988.

In a statement released by spokesman David Carmen, Kirkpatrick said: "I've carefully considered this issue and firmly decided for personal and political reasons not to seek the Republican nomination. Naturally, I'm grateful for the confidence of those who urged me to become a candidate."

Carmen said Kirkpatrick made the decision after discussing a possible bid with family, friends and advisers at her home in Bethesda, Md.

Kirkpatrick based her decision on a "multitude of reasons, personal and political," Carmen said. "I think the lateness of the date precluded a practical run at this point."

Carmen said financial concerns were not a factor in the decision since the campaign believed it could raise about \$3 million immediately.

But Carmen said Kirkpatrick decided that she did not want "to hurt any candidates in the race."

It was widely assumed that her candidacy would be a blow to the hopes of Rep. Jack Kemp of New York, who is trying to unite conservatives behind his bid.

Soviet Star Wars ahead of U.S.

WASHINGTON — Disclosure last week of new details of Soviet military lasers and of a Kremlin plot to steal advanced U.S. computer plans highlights the strengths and weaknesses of Moscow's own supersecret "Star Wars" program.

News in Brief

The progress of Soviet anti-missile defenses assumed added political significance on Friday as Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev balked at a U.S. summit unless President Reagan agreed to curb research on the U.S. Strategic Defense Initiative, popularly known as "Star Wars." Reagan has steadfastly refused Soviet demands to limit Star Wars research.

U.S. intelligence officials say Moscow began its own Star Wars research long before Reagan launched the American effort in a speech on March 23, 1983.

The Soviets are thought to be equal to the United States in some aspects of exotic laser weapons, according to CIA and Pentagon analyses. Analyses also show the Soviets to be far ahead in terms of deployed anti-ballistic and anti-aircraft missiles.

Soviet Jew allowed to emigrate

VIENNA, Austria — Jewish "refusenik" Vladimir Slepak arrived in Vienna on Sunday, ending a 17-year struggle to leave the Soviet Union. "It's like a dream," he said.

Slepak, who first applied to emigrate in 1970, said he did not see his release as a change of policy toward Soviet Jewish emigration but rather as the result of Western pressure.

Soviet authorities denied Slepak's request to leave the country because they said he had access to state secrets in his earlier work as a radio engineer. But on Oct. 14 they suddenly told him he could leave.

N.C. pork barrel appropriations improve

By GERDA GALLOP
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Pork barrel appropriations, the fuel for much negative political campaigning, may not deserve the bad rap that they have.

In a study covering the N.C. General Assembly sessions from 1983 to 1987, the N.C. Center for Public Policy Research found that pork barrel appropriations are fairer than ever.

The term "pork barrel" is traditionally applied to bills passed late in a legislative session which provide "financial goodies" for legislators' home districts, said Jack Betts, associate editor of North Carolina Insight, a journal published by the Center.

Pork barrel bills usually receive funds after the overall state budget

is made and legislators can see what is left, Betts said.

Appropriations, averaging about \$5,000 but going as high as \$25,000, are used exclusively for local projects, Betts said.

Locally, state money has funded the Interfaith Council Shelter Project, rape crisis centers in Orange and Chatham counties and sheltered workshops for the handicapped, said Rep. Anne Barnes, D-Orange.

In the past, the process for introducing pork barrel legislation was secretive and only the majority party could maneuver through the pork barrel process, Betts said.

"Several years ago, only a few legislative leaders got any kind of pork barrel at all," he said. "And rank and file legislators could expect nothing. No Republicans got to take

home any of the bacon."

After close examination of some 3,600 different pieces of legislation, the Center found improvements in more than \$35 million worth of pork barrel spending bills covering legislative sessions from 1983 to 1987, Betts said.

Researchers checked to see if projects for public benefit received the funds rather than private pockets, Betts said. They also examined what portion of the budget went to pork barrel legislation.

In 1983, pork barrel spending represented less than 0.1 percent of the total state budget.

"Legislature hasn't let it get out of hand," Betts said.

In the 1987 session, only two legislators did not get requested funds and all 100 counties who requested funds received them, Betts said.

Betts said he credits legislative leadership for the major improvements.

Rep. George Holmes, D-

Yadkinville, said all districts should receive the same amount of pork barrel funding, but state appropriations should not go to private or for-profit projects.

About 95 percent of pork barrel funds in Wake County are spent on cultural projects, said Rep. Daniel Blue, D-Wake, chairman of the Judiciary II Committee.

He said more Republicans in the Democrat-dominated General Assembly are requesting funds this year, although the GOP complained about pork barrel in the past.

But some Republicans say pork barrel appropriations waste state money and can be used to push legislation through.

Sen. Robert Shaw, R-Guilford, said assembly leaders can withhold pork barrel funds to hold other legislators in line on legislative items.

Rep. Richard Chalk, R-Guilford, said he opposes pork barrel appropriations because they use state dollars for local projects.

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