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N.C. senator denounces Bush budget

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Sen. Terry Sanford, D-N.C., recently declared President Bush's upcoming 1991 budget to be unacceptable, dishonest and shameful.

In a Nov. 14 floor statement, Sanford said the budget, which will be released in January, did not tell U.S. citizens the truth about the nation's financial standing.

"We know right now the president does not plan to send us an honest budget in January," Sanford said in his statement. "We have every right to expect — to demand — honesty from the president. But right now, the president does not plan to give us simple honesty."

The 1991 budget will have a deficit of about \$280 billion and will conceal

two-thirds of this amount by unacceptable and dishonest accounting practices, according to Sanford.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in Washington, D.C., refused to comment on the president's 1991 budget.

However, the president has attempted substantial reductions in the deficit in his 1990 budget, said Tom Bruce, OMB official.

When he releases his 1991 budget, President Bush will falsely claim to have reduced the deficit to \$90 billion in 1990, Sanford said.

"If we are going to have an honest budget it must start with a demand that the president give us an honest budget with the deficit reported forthrightly and in full."

The president plans to reduce the deficit to \$64 billion with this budget, said Dede Spitznagel, senior press officer for OMB.

White House officials said the president had made no comment regarding Sanford's accusations and that no statement about the 1991 budget would be made until January.

The most significant deception in the president's budget is that the deficit is calculated only with net figures instead of the gross figures that take into account the surplus government spending on interest due to treasury bond holders, according to Judy Love, legislative assistant to Sanford.

"The government is playing games, pretending on paper that these interest payments are receipts, when in reality

they are increasing our federal debt."

Sanford has proposed a strategy that would eliminate the real deficit by the year 2000 by working with these gross figures, Love said. A hearing will be held during this congressional recess to determine how many of Sanford's proposals will be marked up and sent to the floor.

Sanford will continue to speak against the president's 1991 budget until its "dishonest" method of calculation and other gimmicks are eliminated, Love said.

"What Bush and others want, is to be able to campaign in 1993 and say they have reduced the deficit to \$0," Love said. "But the proposed budget is dishonest and under present circumstances, the deficit will never reach \$0 by 1993."

U.S. support for U.N. hinges on recognizing Palestine

From Associated Press reports
WASHINGTON — The Bush administration threatened Monday to suspend all U.S. financial support for the United Nations if the General Assembly recognizes Palestine as a country.

State Department spokeswoman Margaret D. Tutwiler said there was no such nation and it did not meet the U.N. criteria for membership.

It was not immediately clear whether the U.S. threat would thwart the drive planned by a number of Arab countries later in the week in the General Assembly.

The United States does not have veto power in the assembly. But its support for the United Nations is essential to functioning of the world body.

The U.S. assessment for 1988 was \$216 million, of which \$65 million was paid in October.

News in Brief

day, leaving Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and a caretaker government to see India through what could be weeks of post-election uncertainty.

Gandhi's Congress Party had overwhelming control of Parliament, but voters in the world's most populous democracy took it away in three days of elections that began Wednesday, and left the party far short of a majority.

To retain power, Congress must find partners for what would be the first coalition government since India became independent of Britain in 1947.

The prime minister, who won a landslide victory for the Congress Party two months after the Oct. 31, 1984, assassination of his mother, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, was leading his own race for re-election to Parliament.

Vote tabulations put Congress ahead of any single opposition group, but not far enough to govern alone.

Strike in Czechoslovakia gains strength

From Associated Press reports
PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia — Millions of people ignored government pleas and joined a nationwide general strike Monday in the largest and most dramatic demonstration so far for democracy and an end to Communist Party rule.

"We don't want you anymore!" a

flag-waving crowd of 200,000 roared in a thunderous chant that echoed off the 19th-century buildings surrounding downtown Wenceslas Square. It was the 11th straight day of massive protests in Czechoslovakia.

Huge crowds of workers also poured into the streets of Bratislava, the east Slovak industrial center of Kosice, the

mining center of Ostrava on the Polish border, and in Ustinad Labem, the heart of industrial north Bohemia.

The showing was a resounding victory for the opposition, which had called the two-hour strike a referendum on the Communists' 40-year monopoly on power.

Communist leaders' frantic attempts

to avert the strike failed, as workers joined the pro-democracy movement started by students, artists and intellectuals.

Shaken leaders continued to make new concessions to the opposition:

- The party's Central Committee dumped three more hard-liners from the ruling Politburo, the second major leadership reshuffle in three days.
- The Czech and Slovak ministries of culture announced they had lifted most forms of press censorship.
- The Central Committee approved an inquiry by a parliamentary commission into a Nov. 17 rally in which riot police clubbed hundreds of peaceful pro-democracy demonstrators.

But there were still more conditions to be met. Posters demanding free elections and an end to one-party rule were plastered over the windows of shops, hotels and restaurants that closed to observe the strike.

At Prague's largest industrial complex, CKD, workers demanded the formation of independent trade unions.

Lebanese general won't give up
BAABDA, Lebanon — Christian army commander Gen. Michel Aoun rejected an ultimatum to leave the presidential palace, and said Monday he would die fighting, even with "kitchen knives, sticks and stones."

Aoun told a news conference in his bunker beneath the shell-battered palace east of Beirut that he was recruiting volunteers to meet a possible assault by the 40,000 Syrian soldiers stationed in Lebanon.

Military sources discounted reports of military buildups in mountains above the palace in the Baabda suburb, and along the line that divides Moslem west Beirut from the Christian eastern sector.

A ranking Moslem army officer said privately: "There is absolutely no move on the ground to suggest that a collision is imminent."

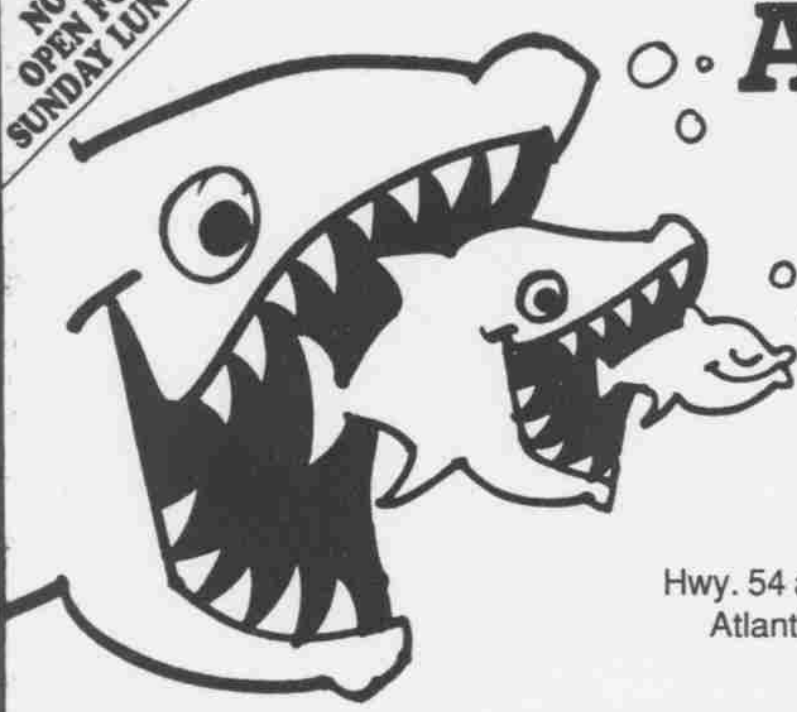
Indian parliament dissolved
NEW DELHI, India — The president dissolved Parliament on Mon-

Shuttle makes landing plans
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Discovery's five astronauts, forced by high wind to remain in space an extra day and then an extra orbit, aimed Monday for an afternoon landing in California's Mojave Desert to end their secret military mission.

After being ordered to spend an extra day in space, Mission Control directed the astronauts to remain in space at least an extra 90 minutes Monday because of wind in California's Mojave Desert.


The earliest new landing time for the secret military mission was 4:31 p.m. PST, one orbit later than planned. Astronaut Frederick Gregory was to guide Discovery to a landing at Edwards Air Force Base.

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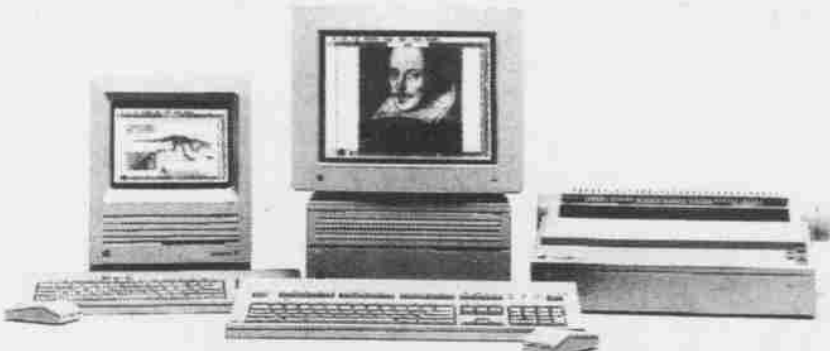
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Hungarian ruling party defeated

From Associated Press reports
BUDAPEST, Hungary — The ruling Socialist Party conceded defeat Monday in a national referendum that would postpone presidential elections and give the fledgling opposition more time to organize and field a candidate.

It was the first free election in more than four decades, and the first since the communists dissolved their party, renamed it the Socialist Party and opened the way for free multiparty elections.

Final results were not expected until Tuesday, but the presidential candidate of the ruling Socialist Party said voters Sunday had approved the referendum backed by opposition parties.

"We can be certain that the number of 'yes' votes was higher than the 'no'

votes," said Imre Pozsgay, the popular Socialist candidate.

An opposition victory would mean that a new democratic Parliament, to be chosen before June, would elect the president. If voters had rejected the referendum, they would have elected a president directly on Jan. 7.

Opposition groups favored postponing the vote until after parliamentary elections, saying that otherwise they could not sufficiently organize a serious challenge to Pozsgay. They hope to win strong representation in the new Parliament, giving their candidate a better chance at the presidency.

According to recent opinion polls, the Socialist Party is unlikely to win a majority in the parliamentary elections.

With 91.3 percent of the votes

counted, the referendum actually was failing by a narrow margin, 50.2 percent against to 49.8 percent in favor. But Pozsgay and opposition parties predicted a reversal when all votes are counted.

Hungarian radio said there were several thousand more "yes" votes than "no."

Pal Kara, secretary of the referendum committee in Parliament, said 58.2 percent of Hungary's 7.8 million eligible voters cast ballots.

Although he conceded that the referendum would pass, Pozsgay said he was encouraged by the results, noting that the Socialists had urged people to vote no, and "look at the percentages."

"That good result shows how close (the party) was to the public opinion," he said.

Referring to the momentous changes in Eastern Europe and particularly in Czechoslovakia, Pozsgay said, "While in Eastern and Central Europe people by the hundreds of thousands are marching in the streets to express their opinion. Hungarians are going to the ballot box to express their political will."

Pozsgay said there were lessons to be drawn from the results, noting that the four-party opposition alliance had campaigned harder than other parties.

The close outcome could mean that "to develop democracy, the course would be bumpier than expected," he said.

The alliance has proposed that Parliament amend the constitution to allow a popular election of the president after the new Parliament has been elected. It also proposed curtailing the powers of the president.

Ivan Petoe, a leader of the Free Democrats, said Parliament should reduce the power of the new president and revoke his power to dissolve Parliament.

Under the present constitution, the president can call elections and dissolve Parliament.

Pozsgay, asked about the opposition proposal to hold direct elections after the new Parliament is elected, said he was "happy" about it.

He said he was not aspiring to "a fully weakened presidential figurehead ... That is different from my perception." But he said he believed the president should be weak enough not to possess "arbitrary power."

Pozsgay conceded that his chances to become president would weaken if Parliament chose the president "because in that case the position is subject to political bargaining."

For the Record

In the photograph accompanying the Nov. 27 article "Astrology offers worlds beyond horoscopes and fortune-telling," The Daily Tar Heel misidentified astrologer Jill McDonald. The woman pictured was Barbara Polk.

In the Nov. 27 "Town Meetings" box, the date for the Chapel Hill Town Council meeting was incorrectly stated. The council will meet Nov. 30.

The DTH regrets the error.



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