

Little trouble expected for nominee

# Senate hearings on Shultz begin

WASHINGTON — President Reagan calls him "a fair man," and Sen. Charles Percy, R-Ill., calls him a "team player." Within a few weeks, George Shultz will probably be able to call himself secretary of state.

Senate confirmation hearings on Reagan's nomination of Shultz to succeed Alexander Haig as secretary of state begin today, and the former Nixon

Cabinet member is expected to encounter little, if any, trouble.

Reagan, while enroute back to the White House following his 11-day vacation, Sunday told reporters he was anxious to have Shultz confirmed.

Asked if Shultz would "tilt" U.S. policy toward the Arabs because of his business dealings in the Arab world as president of an international construction firm, Reagan said no and added,

"I think he's as fair a man as I know."

Percy, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said on CBS' "Face the Nation," Shultz "is always a team player but he will fight hard for what he thinks is right" and "will be an outstanding secretary of state."

Shultz, 61, served as labor and treasury secretary, as well as budget director, during the Nixon

administration. He is well-known and liked on Capitol Hill.

But he is expected to be questioned about his ties to the Bechtel Group Inc., a San Francisco-based international engineering and construction firm with wide business dealings in the Arab world.

Shultz, named by Reagan at the time he announced Haig's resignation June 25, has been

with Bechtel since leaving the Nixon Cabinet in 1974, most recently as president.

Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, another former Bechtel executive, dismissed as "just absurd" any possibility that either he or Shultz would allow "any previous commercial association to influence what we think is best and right and necessary for the country."

# Senate abortion showdown to begin later this month

WASHINGTON — Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., probably will try to attach his "human life" measure to a debt limit bill later this month in the long-delayed Senate showdown on abortion.

The effort by Helms will likely touch off a liberal filibuster, perhaps led by Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., to kill all anti-abortion attempts and leave secure the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion.

Helms and his supporters see the debt limit bill as a promising vehicle to carry anti-abortion legislation because the measure is one that must be enacted for continued operation of the en-

tire government.

For more than a year, Senate Republican leader Howard Baker of Tennessee has promised the conservatives he would schedule their social concerns — including anti-abortion and school prayer — if they would let him work through the economic agenda first.

Three major measures have emerged:

• Helms' bill declaring that "scientific evidence demonstrates the life of each human being begins at conception," a clause that could have the effect of giving fetuses constitutional rights. The bill also bans all federal funding, direct and indi-

rect, of abortions.

• The proposed "federalism" constitutional amendment by Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, that would allow Congress and states to restrict or ban abortions.

• A bill by Sen. Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., that would ban all direct federal funding of abortions and allow states to enact anti-abortion laws.

Both the Helms and Hatfield proposals state it is "a fundamental principle of American law to recognize and affirm the intrinsic value of all human life." Both would make permanent the amendment of Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., that Congress has enacted each year since 1976

barring federal funding of abortions, a measure largely affecting welfare mothers.

Two Senate Judiciary subcommittees held lengthy hearings last year on the legislation, but Hatch's proposal was opposed by many anti-abortion fundamentalists and it became apparent that Hatch, facing a tough re-election battle this year, might not be able to get the necessary two-thirds.

# Architect opposes plans to alter vets' memorial

WASHINGTON — The architect of the controversial Vietnam veterans memorial said today she doubts she will attend the dedication ceremonies scheduled for Veterans Day because of planned changes to her concept.

Maya Lin, who as a Yale undergraduate submitted the design for the memorial that was chosen over 1,400 other entries, is unhappy with changes being pushed by veterans groups.

Lin's design is a simple, black V that bears the names of all known Vietnam fatalities. Officials of the memorial fund have agreed to accept the addition of an American flag and a sculpture of three soldiers to meet veterans' criticism.

She compared their demands that a statue be placed on the memorial with a hypothetical complaint that the Washington Monument isn't a monument unless a statue of George Washington is placed on top of it.

Lin, appearing on NBC's "Today" show, said the competi-

tion for the memorial design took three years and her design was unanimously approved by "every single legal governmental board."

But, she said, "two days before you're supposed to be issued a ground-breaking permit, you have political machinations that end up with additions of flags and statues at the last minute. What you've got are two different memorials being built, one that went through a competition and one that was power-played on."

Asked if she will attend the dedication ceremonies scheduled for Veterans Day if the additions are made, Lin said, "Probably not. I don't believe that what has happened is very ethical, whatever, and I want to stand away from it."

She said the veterans that are complaining about her design "are a very small few and they happen to be very traditional artistically."

She added: "It's that sort of misunderstanding and I don't know if you're going to make

everybody happy with it no matter what you do."

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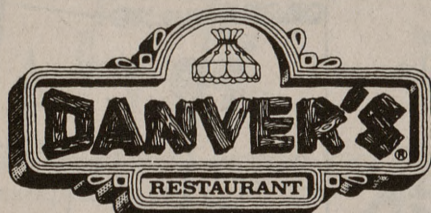
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