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Carolina Poll Says Hunt Has Lead Over Helms

RALEIGH (AP) — Democratic Gov. Jim Hunt would beat Republican Sen. Jesse Helms by a substantial margin if they met in a race for Helms' Senate seat today, shows a poll conducted by the University of North Carolina School of Journalism.

The survey known as the Carolina Poll showed Hunt with a 19 percentage point lead over Helms.

Fifty-two percent of those surveyed said they would vote for Hunt and 33 percent said they would vote for Helms. Fifteen percent of those surveyed said they were undecided.

The results reflected a substantially larger margin for Hunt than when the Carolina Poll asked the same question last October. That time, Hunt had 45½ percent, Helms had 37½ percent and 17 percent was undecided. ...

Hunt has not said whether he will challenge Helms when the senator's second term expires in 1984, but many Democratic party leaders

and political observers expect him to do so. ...

Philip Meyer, a UNC professor who headed the survey, said polls that run far ahead of an election typically measure only the degree of name recognition each candidate has and that the results can be expected to shift as the campaigns heat up.

"It's really just a game at this point," he said.

But he also acknowledged that Hunt and Helms, the top-ranking elected officials of their respective state party organizations, are both well known to voters. And he said the large increase in Hunt's margin since October was surprising. ...

The poll was conducted by students with the guidance of a faculty member, Meyer. Experienced in polling, he is the author of a widely used journalism textbook on polling and other methods of public opinion measurement. The poll is conducted once each semester in connection with a course.

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WILLIAM D. COX

MAYOR
HERTFORD, NORTH CAROLINA

Dear Friend,

A group of distinguished and concerned North Carolinians have joined together to defeat Jesse Helms.

You can help us remove this dangerous right-wing demagogue from the United States Senate by accepting our invitation to support the North Carolina Campaign Fund.

Jesse Helms is a serious concern to all fair-minded Americans. California's Senator Alan Cranston recently said that he is "the most dangerous figure in the Senate since the late Joseph McCarthy."

He is considered by some astute political observers to be more powerful than the President of the United States.

I am writing you because I feel that you also understand the seriousness of the national right-wing political machine headed by Senator Helms, a machine that feeds on divisive emotional issues such as abortion and civil rights.

Jesse Helms no longer represents the interests of our state.

A poll conducted by the University of North Carolina School of Journalism shows Senator Helms trailing one of his likely challengers by 19%.

And the results of the 1982 congressional elections in North Carolina clearly indicate that Helms is vulnerable. All of the candidates he backed suffered defeat despite his endorsement and a massive expenditure of funds.

But, despite these facts, we know Jesse Helms is dangerous. But what makes him immeasurably more effective and powerful than any other senator? The answer: the Helms Machine.

The political juggernaut he personally commands reaches far beyond the borders of North Carolina. He can tap the financial resources of every

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rabid right-wing group clear across the country. At the drop of a letter, a mailing to his own Congressional Club of 300,000 donors can raise millions to destroy any progressive candidate.

After all, Jesse Helms has become the most vociferous advocate in Congress of every Far Right position.

After all, it was Jesse Helms who ...

- ... proposed the Human Life Amendment that would outlaw abortion regardless of the reason, even in the case of rape or incest.
- ... almost single-handedly fought against renewal of the Voting Rights Act.
- ... sponsored the proposed Family Protection Act that would prevent sex education, eliminate birth control information, and repeal federal wife and child abuse laws.
- ... introduced legislation to strip the federal courts of the right to hear cases on issues involving individual freedoms such as school prayer and reproductive rights.
- ... led a group of right-wing senators in efforts to eliminate the legal services program for the poor.
- ... crippled the food stamp program and substantially reduced the school lunch program.

By appeasing his national single-issue supporters, Senator Helms has alienated North Carolina voters. His racial and religious intolerance have embarrassed our state. And, he is out-of-step with the folks back home on key issues.

These local issues will hurt him here in North Carolina:

- He has never employed a black on his hundred-person staff. Our state is 22% black.
- His vote as the only Senator to support the Argentine dictatorship's invasion of the Falklands, and his direct dealings with Central and South American dictators are deeply resented by patriotic North Carolinians.
- North Carolina was the state which held out against ratifying the Constitution until it contained a Bill of Rights. North Carolinians don't want to see it undermined by their own Senator.
- He is viewed as representing the interests of out-of-state oil companies and corporate giants rather than the interests of North Carolina.

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But, while we sincerely believe that Jesse Helms can be defeated in 1984, we don't have a minute to lose. 1984 may seem a long way off. BUT ... Jesse Helms knows it's not. He is already building a campaign war chest with millions and millions of dollars to hold his Senate seat.

Frankly, the only way he can be beaten is if you and I begin now to form a national coalition of concerned citizens to raise the funds to beat him.

There is great opposition to Jesse Helms at home. But, given the fact of his massive money machine, we must begin the long and expensive process of informing North Carolina voters about Helms's record on matters that concern them most.

Jesse Helms is an unscrupulous campaigner with a long history of grossly distorting his opponents' records. To understand what we face in North Carolina, I'd like to tell you a little about how Jesse Helms came to power.

He got his political start doing publicity for the 1950 race-baiting senatorial campaign of Willis Smith. Handbills saying "White People Wake Up" and showing doctored photographs of Smith's opponent's wife dancing with a black man were widely circulated. When Smith won, Helms went to Washington as his aide.

Jesse Helms returned to North Carolina, where he began broadcasting on a conservative Raleigh television station in 1960. He personally did 2,700 TV editorials over the next 12 years. His blatant racist attacks on "restless Negroes" and the "immorality" of blacks were carried on 70 stations of the Tobacco Radio Network.

In 1972, he ran for the U.S. Senate against Congressman Nick Galifianakis, son of Greek immigrants. His campaign called his opponent "Nick the Greek" and his campaign slogan was: "Jesse Helms, He Is One Of Us."

The Nixon landslide over Senator McGovern swept Helms into the Senate. You probably began to hear of Jesse Helms about this time.

The New Right was being born under the direction of Jerry Falwell and Senator Helms. Falwell founded the Moral Majority and Helms founded the Congressional Club. Their message and approach was the same -- attract thousands of small donors by concentrating on such emotional issues as abortion, civil rights, crime, and school desegregation.

When Jesse Helms sought reelection in 1978, his Congressional Club had over 300,000 donors from all over the nation.

He raised \$6.7 million for his own 1978 reelection -- nearly three times more than has ever been spent on a national Senate race. Because North Carolina voters were becoming wary of his fanatical right-wing activities, he was forced to spend \$13.65 for each vote ... and then he only won by a narrow margin.

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Jesse Helms raises very little of his massive campaign funds from North Carolina. He has a national army of small donors who pool their gifts to keep him and his friends in power.

This is where your help becomes essential.

The new North Carolina Campaign Fund is a well-organized group of thoughtful citizens here in North Carolina who are willing to do the tough groundwork necessary to defeat Senator Helms in 1984. But, frankly, without the help of people like you from outside of North Carolina, we simply cannot hope to compete financially with Senator Helms.

Thus, I am writing to urgently seek your generous help in launching this effort.

Already, we have assigned people to study Helms's record here and in Washington. We will use radio, newspaper, and television ads to tell North Carolinians the truth about Jesse Helms.

Also, we must do extensive polling to locate his areas of weakness and to identify voters and issues to defeat him.

There are qualified and popular progressive candidates who could challenge Helms. Our job is to help ensure victory by exposing Helms to the voters.

Please join us in taking a stand against Jesse Helms and his crowd.

These aren't the people we want running our state. And, they aren't the people you and I want running our nation.

You can't vote against Jesse Helms. But, you can play a vital part in causing his defeat.

We must begin now to pave the way. Your generous gift today is so important to our success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William D. Cox". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "W" and "C".

William D. COX Mayor

At last! . . .

Here is a real chance for me to help defeat the Senate's most dangerous member, Jesse Helms. Even though I do not reside in his state of North Carolina, I want to join you in working to oust him from the Senate. Enclosed is my contribution of:

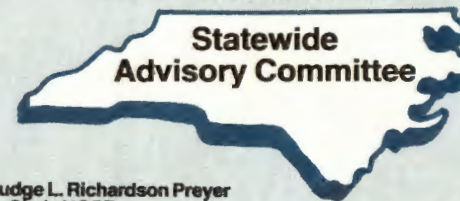
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The Washington Post

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1982

Rowland Evans and Robert Novak

Learning From 2 Losers . . .

Just what course President Reagan stays for the next two years may depend on how the White House interprets the two most fascinating campaigns of the midterm election: Republican losses for governor of New York and Michigan.

Lewis Lehrman and Richard Headlee defied conventional forecasts by nearly winning races they were supposed to lose ignominiously. They did so by imitating Reagan's 1980 tone, well to the right of his homogenized 1982 Republicanism. While the president was urging Americans to stay the course, Lehrman and Headlee took a hard right-populist turn: cut taxes to induce prosperity.

That their ideology contributed to near-wins has not dawned on the doggedly non-ideological men who run the White House. But if they focus on New York and Michigan, a way might be found out of the political dilemma that threatens to engulf the Republican Party in rancor, without sparing Reagan himself.

The way out, suggested by critics of the White House: abandon crunching astronomical figures of David Stockman's budgets and concentrate on restoring prosperity, as did the Lehrman and Headlee campaigns. That would mean fighting budget deficits by a commitment to low interest rates and economic recovery.

Despite chief of staff James Baker's professions that a 26-seat House loss did not destroy the president's coalition, senior aides have begun wrestling over how to react to just that destruction. Characteristically, Baker would accommodate the new congressional reality through compromise—a course favored by Republican leaders in Congress.

Conservatives on the White House staff, closet and otherwise, prefer a veto war against Congress, with Reagan going to the country for confirmation in November 1984. That is also Ronald Reagan's choice, but insiders no longer bet against Jim Baker's getting his way with the president.

Neither of these courses, however, comes to grips with the recession that suffocated Reagan's 1982 hopes. Neither school even argues that economic

recovery is possible before the next election; both rely in 1984 on Democratic bungling and the Gipper's popularity—a view not discouraged by Tuesday's Republican losses.

Enter New York and Michigan. Five days before the election, Democratic pollster Pat Caddell had Lehrman trailing by 12 percentage points, but feared the Republican's rhetoric would catch hold. It did, beginning Saturday morning. Lehrman's finish, three points behind, caused Caddell considerable anxiety.

Lehrman, elegant and scholarly, had earned the respect of ideological antagonists. But insurance man Headlee is a New Rightist reviled by Michigan's moderate GOP establishment and considered a political basket case in a state ravaged by recession. Doggedly preaching tax reduction, Headlee finished only six points down.

Lehrman and Headlee contrasted with beleaguered Republican candidates who, fearful of Reaganomics, retreated to campaign banality. Democrats just attacked Reagan and relied on unemployment. The upshot was an election good enough not to frighten the White House into change but bad enough to pose the compromise-or-confront dilemma for the president.

The way out glimpsed by White House realists is to finesse dangerous tinkering with the budget. All budget options—tax increases, Social Security tightening, defense and entitlement cuts—are politically suicidal and economically smothering. Thus, farsighted White House aides see in the Lehrman-Headlee rhetoric hope for a worried nation.

Nothing important has happened in the White House this year without Jim Baker's approval. He is neither a visionary nor ideologue, but a practical man accustomed to dealing with today's, not tomorrow's, problems. Nevertheless, the demonstrated popular appeal of two right-wing visionaries dismissed as hopeless cases conceivably could influence him at this turning point for the Reagan presidency.

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DAILY NEWS

NEW YORK, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1982

We'll be hearing more about:

Lehrman...

IT IS RARE that the loser of an election remains as interesting, or almost so, as the winner. But so it was and is for Lewis Lehrman this week, and in the weeks to come. While the old, moderate-to-liberal Republican state leadership profoundly wishes that Lehrman would disappear, it was clear at his concession press conference on Wednesday that he has no intention of doing so. For a loser, Lehrman was positively buoyant. At times, I thought I must have wandered into the wrong press conference.

"I told my staff on election morning that I had a secret plan for victory," Lehrman said. "I would go on the air at 9 a.m. and tell every New Yorker that he or she had to vote for me. If they didn't, I was going to keep my commercials on the air for three more years," he concluded, to much laughter. While avoiding that cruel extreme, he'll be around. He said he regarded his \$8 million personal expenditure (out of a record \$13.5 million spent) as a good investment, and that he is committed to a career in public service and will "positively" run again—although he would not specify for what.

He congratulated Mario Cuomo on his "outstanding race" and "marvelous victory," even noting the massive contribution of Cuomo's son and director of operations, 24-year-old Andrew. In four years, Lehrman kidded, "all my five younger children will be older, and we'll have a rematch." Meanwhile, he said, he will lead the "loyal opposition."

It is not often that a loser is as cheery as Lehrman, for as a wise old pol once told me, "In a car crash or an election, an inch is as good as a mile. Either you hit the thing, or you don't." Nonetheless, Lehrman has plenty to be cheery about. He came within 165,000 votes of the governor's mansion, out of more than 5 million cast, on his very first try for public office. He is only 44 years old. He reinforced the Conservative Party's dominant role recently in choosing Republican candidates. He established a highly efficient organization, which will remain in place. He is no longer just a rich kid with a checkbook,

and everyone in New York knows his name.

Furthermore, rumor has it his Rite-Aid stock did well in the bull market, so he has

more millions to spend if he feels like it. "Nobody in this campaign lost a thing," said exhausted press secretary John Buckley, "including Lew." That's not quite true. Losing never beats winning. But coming this close comes close, especially for a neophyte.

Lehrman has two problems. One is to establish himself as the clear leader of the state Republican Party, against the passive resistance of Senate Majority Leader Warren Anderson, who is an important legislator but is about as exciting as a dumpling, and the more active opposition of Erie County's two pretty boys, Rep. Jack Kemp and State Controller Ned Regan, who won their races. They are by no means anxious to help Lehrman stay in politics.

His other big problem will be to be the loyal opposition without becoming a bore. A loss is a loss, and four years out is a long time, as even master publicist Henry Kissinger has learned. Competing Republicans like Kemp and Regan have offices from which to speak, and may hope to wear Lehrman away over a four-year-period. Who, for example, will be de facto leader of the state's delegation to the 1984 presidential convention? The public won't

give a damn, but Lehrman will have to.

The unhappiest man at the New York Sheraton on Wednesday was Lehrman field wizard Tim Carey. "On a 70% turnout, I figured with 2.5 million votes, we win. We got 'em, just about, but he turned out 2.6 million, which I never figured possible. Everybody talks about the ads and TV money. This election was won in the field, by old-time, grass-roots pulling operations. He could wholesale his, through the unions, while we had to retail ours, but this election was won in the street, especially New York City, especially Manhattan and the Bronx. I should have figured better. Next time."

There seemed to be little doubt at the Sheraton on the part of anyone, including Lehrman's wife, Louise, that there will be a next time. "He's not just going home," Louise said. "He shouldn't."



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TRUEMAN FOR CONGRESS EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE

CAMPAIGN UPDATE # 2

April 29, 1983

The Trueman for Congress Exploratory Committee set up a letters to the editor committee earlier this year. Its purpose is to keep the public informed of Congressman Sikorski's votes and actions and also to discover issues that can be used in the campaign to unseat him. I believe the committee has now discovered a BIG issue. Let me explain:

Gerry Sikorski took a vacation junket (there is no other way to describe it) to the Peoples Republic of China March 25 through April 9. Ostensibly the trip was to open new markets for Minnesota products but we have reliable information that indicates it was a pleasure trip only with no business conducted. The trip was paid for by the taxpayers, of course. We've also learned that Sikorski took his wife on the trip at taxpayers' expense.

It is irresponsible for a congressman with just three months service to take a junket of this kind but it's not surprising that Sikorski did. He is firmly committed to the liberal Democratic agenda so wasting tax money apparently isn't a worry to him.

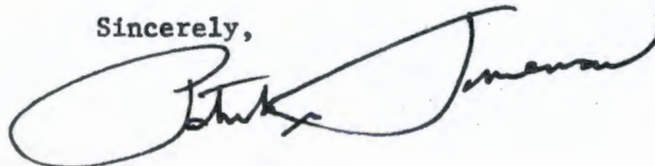
The TFC Letters to the Editor Committee got people in every part of the district to write letters about the junket. So successful was the committee in placing letters in newspapers, including the Minneapolis Star & Tribune and the Saint Paul Pioneer Press, that the Minnesota Independent-Republican Party decided to get into the fray. At the direction of I-R Chairman, Bill Morris, ads were prepared on the junket and, in conjunction with the Sixth Congressional District, the state party paid for ads in newspapers all throughout Anoka and Washington County. Following that by a week, Morris issued a press release to all Sixth District media.

The Minneapolis Star & Tribune ran a story this week titled "I-R Newspaper Ads Criticize Rep. Sikorski for His Trip to China." It is very significant that the article appeared more than one month after Sikorski left for his junket. So the issue is sticking with Sikorski.

As you know a junket can be a "killer issue." You can be sure that our letters to the editor committee will keep the pressure on so watch for more letters to appear in your local newspapers. I hope you'll feel free to join in on this effort. I am enclosing all the documents mentioned above. Please send any letters that appear in your local papers to me. Be sure to provide a proper citation (the name of the paper, date, page and section).

All other aspects of the campaign are going well and I will continue to keep you informed. I trust you will keep the contents of this letter confidential.

Sincerely,



Patrick A. Trueman

St. Paul Dispatch Pioneer Press
4/4/83

April 14, 1983

Journal-Press, Buffalo, MN

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April 28, 1983

Low road to China

At a time when difficult decisions have to be made concerning ways to cut federal spending, my congressman, Gerry Sikorski, is on a junket to China at taxpayers' expense. I find this disturbing.

MRS. S.J. NOBLE

Excelsior

Minneapolis Star and Tribune
Mon., April 11, 1983

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Sikorski and taxes

Soon after Gerry Sikorski was elected to Congress, my wife and I talked to him and asked that he help me support my family by not raising our taxes. He promised he would not. Nice going, Gerry. He's been in office three months and has already voted to raise my taxes 10 percent. I would complain to him directly, but he's off to China (at taxpayers' expense). — Nathan Bliss, Bayport, Minn.

To the Editor:

During the Easter Congressional break I had the opportunity to discuss my opinions and concerns of Minnesota's economy with Representative Vin Weber as he toured this area talking to the people of his district. As a resident of the 6th Congressional District I sought out 2nd District Representative Weber because 6th District Representative Gerry Sikorski was on a junket to China. Sikorski was using taxpayers funds to support a trip to China that would do nothing for Minnesota, a congressional junket for his own pleasure. The people of Minnesota want more than media blitzes and junkets from our Congressmen, we expect them to represent our views, something Sikorski fails to understand.

Marlin Schutte
Montrose

Dear Editor:

My mailbox has been bombarded recently with literature from Democrat Congressman Gerry Sikorski. I don't feel it is necessary and especially so, when the taxpayer must pick up the tab.

I also read of Sikorski's trip to China, recently, accompanied by his wife. Sikorski just assumed Public Office in Jan. of '83. Has he had sufficient time to do his homework on U.S.-China relationships to warrant a trip to China so soon after getting into office? I don't think he has! All this again at taxpayers' expense! It is at least hoped, he paid for his wife's trip. Where is Sikorski's genuine concern for taxpayers??

Sincerely,
Mrs. Casper Zumbusch
Buffalo, MN

The Washington County
Bulletin

April 7, 1983

Nice going Gerry

Back in November, soon after Gerry Sikorski was elected to Congress, my wife and I talked to him and congratulated him on the results of the election. We then mentioned to him that we appreciated what the Reagan administration has done for us. Even though my employer has been unable to give me a raise in the last year, my money is going farther. This is due both to a dramatic decrease in the rate of inflation and to a decrease in taxes. We asked Mr. Sikorski to continue to help me support my family by not raising our taxes; he promised he would not.

Nice going, Gerry! He's been in office three months and has already voted to raise my taxes 10 percent. I would complain to him directly, but he's off to China (at taxpayers' expense). Of course he leaves us with the impression that he is our representative in Washington with his campaign quality newsletters, again at our expense. No wonder he feels the need to add another 10 percent to what I don't take home.

Thanks a bunch, Gerry, wherever you are!

Nathan Bliss
Bayport

I-R NEWS

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SIKORSKI, WIFE, TAKE VACATION AT TAXPAYERS' EXPENSE CHARGES I-R STATE CHAIRMAN

ST. PAUL--Bill Morris, Independent-Republican State Chairman, today charged that newly elected Congressman Gerry Sikorski (DFL-6th) and his wife took a vacation to the People's Republic of China at the taxpayers' expense during the Easter Congressional recess.

"I was shocked to learn that Rep. Sikorski took a junket at the taxpayers' expense," Morris said. "And new evidence now indicates that Mrs. Sikorski joined her husband at the taxpayers' expense."

Morris said that Sikorski was obligated to tell the people of his Congressional District how much he spent on this junket. "Rep. Sikorski should tell the people of his district how much this vacation cost the taxpayer and how much it cost the taxpayer to have Mrs. Sikorski go with him," Morris said.

"If he wanted to take a vacation to China at the taxpayers' expense, I challenge him to a full disclosure of the costs of the trip," Morris continued. "Most members of Congress are in their districts working on behalf of their constituents during the Easter break and those who aren't home let their constituents know it."

Morris said that Rep. Sikorski and his wife joined nine other members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee to visit the People's Republic of China. The trip was at the invitation of the People's Republic, in conjunction with the Department of State. The junket lasted from March 25 through April 9.

"Congressman Sikorski staged a big media event with Minnesota businessmen to try and justify this trip," Morris said. "But this didn't fool the people of his district." He indicated that he thought it appropriate for Sikorski to furnish a daily diary of his business activities.

Morris said it was unusual that a member of Congress who served less than four months in office took a junket. "I couldn't believe that Sikorski could disregard his constituents so early in his term. His style is out of touch with most Congressmen," Morris added.

Morris concluded his remarks by emphasizing the necessity of full disclosure by Sikorski. "Some members of Congress try to fool the people of their district when they take a junket," Morris said. "I hope Rep. Sikorski will detail the cost of this vacation. He owes the people of his district that much."

junket (jun' kit) n. 1. an excursion for pleasure. 2. an excursion paid for out of public funds.



Gerry Sikorski has been in Congress three months and he's already taken his first junket...to China!

Part of an advertisement that Independent-Republicans are running in Sixth District newspapers.

IR newspaper ads criticize Rep. Sikorski for his trip to China

By Betty Wilson
Staff Writer

Independent-Republicans are running ads in Sixth District newspapers accusing freshman Democratic Congressman Gerry Sikorski of taking a tax-paid pleasure junket to the People's Republic of China.

In addition, state IR Chairman Bill Morris charged in a press release that Sikorski's wife, Susan, "joined her husband at the taxpayers' expense" on a "vacation" to the Far East during the Easter congressional recess.

Sikorski's office said Independent-Republicans are distorting and putting out false information about a two-week trade mission to Hong Kong, Japan and the People's Republic by 10 members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

Susan Sikorski paid her own expenses except for airfare, according to Sikorski aide Dennis McGrann and Frank Potter, chief counsel to the House committee. She and other wives of the congressmen making the trip on an air force plane were invited along by the State Department as a matter of protocol, McGrann said.

It was not a "vacation" but a work trip during which the congressmen met with officials to discuss ways to enhance Minnesota and U.S. trade with those countries, McGrann said. They made the trip at the specific request of Secretary of State George Shultz, he said.

The ads are running in papers in Stillwater and the northern Twin Cities suburbs. They read, "Gerry Sikorski has been in Congress three months and he's already taken his first junket ... to China Guess who paid for Congressman Sikorski's



Morris



Sikorski

junket to China? You and me Doesn't Congressman Sikorski have enough to worry about in Minnesota?"

The ads show outlines of the United States and Asia with footprints between the two.

Sixth District IR Chairman Robert Peterson said Independent-Republicans copied that footprint theme from Sikorski's 1982 campaign ads in which he suggested his opponent, First District Republican Congressman Arien Erdahl, was a carpetbagger.

Peterson said the party wants to let voters know that Sikorski "has done something that doesn't square with his campaign promise to spend all of his time working within the district and for the district." The ads will cost less than \$1,000, he said.

Morris said in his press release that Sikorski should tell the people of his district how much the "vacation" cost taxpayers. Morris said he got his information on the Sikorskis' trip from "one of our congressional offices" but declined to say which one.

"I really think to be squeaky clean, that spouses should not be carried in a plane at taxpayers' expense, even on a space-available basis," he said.

The delegation included the wives of two Republican congressmen, Nor-

man Lent of New York and Edward Madigan of Illinois, who also got free plane travel, Potter said.

He said the trip costs haven't been tabulated yet. A reservations agent for Northwest Airlines said the round-trip commercial fare from Minneapolis to Hong Kong, Tokyo and Peking would be \$1,362.

McGrann said Sikorski's efforts have sparked interest by Chinese representatives in establishing trade links with Minnesota.

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Guess who paid for Congressman Sikorski's junket to China? You and me!

Doesn't Congressman Sikorski have enough to worry about in Minnesota?

Prepared and Paid for by Independent-Republicans of Minnesota, Bill Morris, Chairman; and 6th Congressional District I-Rs, Bob Peterson and Barb Sykora, Chairs.