

**John Connally:** Clever, but an amoral scoundrel, Connally is a small-time fixer who is being fixed by the big leaguers on Wall Street. Although he began his campaign with a few promising remarks about the need for high-technology exports and expanded nuclear and oil development programs, his campaign was completely retooled after only a few days' stay at Harvard's Kennedy Center. Now, Connally is shaking his rattle at Japan and Germany for their strong economies and railing against the nasty "oil sheikhs."

Connally apparently hopes to toddle into the White House via meetings and fund raisers on Wall Street and at leading Zionist organizations, such as the April 5 fund raising meeting organized by Hauser at the American Jewish Congress.

**Ronald Reagan:** Controlled by a gaggle of social-democrat William F. Buckley's smart young men — John Sears, Lyn Nofziger, Mike Deaver and Peter Hannaford — Reagan seems to have regressed to somewhere in the vicinity of his "Knut Rockne" days. Reagan's refusal to address any major issue in the month since his nondescript appearance at the Republican National Committee meeting in Indiana makes him a sorry choice for the honest members of his executive committee and campaign apparatus.

**George Bush:** A man who has only 1 percent support in most polls, former CIA chief and China hand, Bush is strictly a bush-leaguer. Bush, who hides behind a conservative Texas image, is the scion of the old New England patrician family. In fact, he is allied to the Kennedy wing of Democratic Party politics. His father, Connecticut Senator Prescott Bush, sat on the board of Brown Brothers, Harriman, Averell Harriman's family bank, and is one of Ted Kennedy's leading allies today. Bush doesn't have to court the New York Council on Foreign Relations' aid: he sits on its board of trustees.

**Howard Baker:** Surrounded by unsavory campaign advisors, including Rhodes scholar Senator Richard Lugar (R-Ind.), his campaign manager, Baker is a vain and lightweight intellect hopelessly smitten by the presidential bug as a consequence of a few moments on national television in the course of being ruled out as President Gerald Ford's running mate in 1976. Baker's foreign policy advice comes from Edward Luttwak, an unstable British subject and Israeli intelligence agent whose policies are modeled on Henry Kissinger's and what he glowingly terms the "grand strategy" of the decayed Roman Empire.

**Robert Dole:** Better known as "Senator Who?", Dole apparently hopes that the jokes he made at Walter Mondale while serving as Gerry Ford's running mate will carry him into the White House.

— Barbara Dreyfuss

## Hauser: Connally can knock out Reagan

*Rita Hauser, member of the British-backed Warburg law firm of Strock, Strock and Lavan and a leading spokesman for the New York Council on Foreign Relations and the Zionist lobby, is making policy for John Connally in his bid for the Republican presidential nomination, the following are her candid comments on the Connally campaign.*

Connally contacted me in December and asked me to endorse his campaign. I met with my friends here, the CFR and others, and we decided that the most important thing is to get Reagan, knock him out. Connally's the only man who can do that....I've been in regular contact with him ever since; he calls me at least weekly and I just met with him two days ago. He's doing very well, everything I tell him he's incorporated. Have you followed what he's said about the Soviets? He's got an updated Nixon foreign policy, which is the same as the Committee on the Present Danger... Although he doesn't like Kissinger personally, he's using all of Kissinger's ideas, funneled through me....

I've been the main person organizing his campaign, getting endorsements, I got (former Attorney General under Eisenhower) Herbert Brownell to endorse him...Three weeks ago, I organized a fundraiser on Wall Street...yes, we got some big investment house money....

His Texas and Southwest oil friends are a negative, but maybe we can use them as a way to get the Mexicans and Saudis in line...Yes, he's a wheeler-dealer, but we're surrounding him with our members, briefing him on everything, organizing seminars, he's doing very well...

And let's be realistic. Sure, we're for Israel, but now we can use Camp David to get the Saudis in line, and Connally can do that...I got the American Jewish Congress to hold a little party at their headquarters on April 5 and I think they'll go for him in a big way....

Look, I don't think we have to worry too much about Connally. He's very hard; remember what he did to bring the Europeans and Japanese in line when he was Treasury Secretary?

Personally, I think Al Haig is the man, but he's got no backing, not the charisma Connally has. I like George Bush, too, but he's got a similar problem....