

U.S. REPORT

Campaign 1980

'Citizens for Haig' wheels into action

The Haig-Kennedy 1980 election scenario, under which General Alexander Haig will defeat Senator Edward Kennedy, the Democratic standard bearer, for the Presidency, first exposed by this news service in December of last year, is moving into high gear. With his impending retirement as NATO commander in chief clearing the way for a formal declaration of his candidacy, Haig has been given a major boost by key representatives of the British oligarchical faction which has long sought to recolonize the United States under the code words "Atlantic Union" and "Anglo-Saxon unity."

This news service has learned that the prime mover behind the recently-launched "Citizens for Haig" committee, temporarily headquartered in Chicago, is one Mrs. Chase Salmon Osborn, a Republican Party activist whose list of Anglophile credentials puts her in the top rank of pro-London propagandists.

In addition to holding membership in the London Institute for World Affairs, the English-Speaking Union (both the Washington and London branches), the Atlantic Union and its Otto von Hapsburg-linked Munich affiliate, the Union Atlantischer Föderalisten, Mrs. Osborn is also current chairman of the Federal Union, Inc., a group she helped found together with Clarence Streit under the direct supervision of the Fabian Society's International Bureau (itself an arm of Cecil Rhodes's elite Round Table). Mr. Streit, who is also reported to be lobbying for Haig, is a former Rhodes scholar, student of Sufi mysticism, ex-father-in-law of New York City Big MAC chairman Felix Rohatyn, and author of the book, "Union with Britain Now."

Mrs. Osborn is using the Washington, D.C. offices of the Federal Union, which describes itself as "dedicated to forging the Western democracies into an entity much more binding than NATO," as a base of operations to mobilize support on Haig's behalf.

Questioned this week about the organization's apparent pro-Haig leanings, a Federal Union spokesman said that the outgoing NATO commander-in-chief's oft-repeated call for the U.S., Western Europe, and Japan to integrate their economic and political, as well as military, resources "is right in line with what we're advocating."

Under Mrs. Osborn's impetus, "Citizens for Haig"

has been actively contacting potential Haig supporters around the country. The group has received positive responses so far from New York Congressman Jack Kemp, who offered to do "anything I can to help" elect Haig; former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, who is telling reporters that "my close friend Al is extremely able, competent and one helluva guy"; Zionist Lobby Senator Rudy Boschwitz (R-Minn.); and Elizabeth Taylor's sixth husband, Senator John Warner of Virginia, ex-Secretary of the Navy.

Meanwhile, Haig's spate of backroom powwows with U.S. media czars last month is beginning to pay off. Over the past week, he has been the subject of an Evans and Novak-authored paean in *Look*, a photo-essay in *Life*, an interview in Katherine Graham's *Newsweek*, and a blurb in *Armed Forces Journal*. The latter is also planning to publish an "unauthorized biography" of Haig just in time for the elections.

This public relations gear-up is only the beginning, according to "Citizens for Haig" coordinator Mark Camphouse. "We expect the campaign to take off like a blitzkrieg just as soon as the General resigns June 30," he told a reporter this week. Camphouse also expressed confidence that "with the right image makers, the American population can be manipulated into accepting Haig's military background as a positive factor."

Kennedy fiddles while Carter burns

Under the combined force of the Peanutgate probe, a series of defeats on Capitol Hill on such crucial questions as Rhodesian sanctions, and the probable torpedoing of the SALT II treaty by the Senate, the administration of President Jimmy Carter is unraveling by the hour. Even his recent attempts to "act confident" about his reelection chances—epitomized by his June 11 threat to "whip Kennedy's ass"—are being used by his opponents to make him look ridiculous. Asked by CBS News June 13 to comment on Carter's remark, Kennedy smirked, "I think he was really trying to say that he would whip inflation."

Just a few days earlier, Kennedy had upped the ante in his undeclared bid to supplant Carter as the Democrats' standard bearer in 1980 when he asserted in a

widely-syndicated interview with the *Boston Globe*, that he "probably" would run for the White House if Carter decided to retire. "I'd certainly have to think about it terribly seriously," he said.

Getting Carter to decide not to run is exactly what the burgeoning "Dump Carter/Draft Kennedy" movement—which is operating with Teddy's implicit blessing—is all about. But while new "Democrats for Change" and related organizations are springing up almost daily, real grass-roots support for a Kennedy bid is virtually non-existent.

Underscoring the fact that the much-touted "Kennedy Fever" is largely a media hype was the less-than-spectacular turn-out at a national "Draft Kennedy" meeting in Minneapolis June 10. Organized by Fritz Mondale's protégé Rep. Richard Nolan (D-Minn), the Minneapolis gathering drew together only 250 Kennedy activists, hardly an indication of widespread popular strength.

Mondale ... Again?

Speaking of Mondale, certain factions within the Anglo-American establishment are apparently developing the former Minnesota Senator and short-lived 1976 presidential contender as a fallback option in case they are forced to shelve their current plans for nominating Kennedy. At the root of this tactic is the looming possibility—hinted at openly by Democratic National Chairman John White last week and by numerous press pundits—that a Kennedy candidacy would split the Democratic Party wide open and send important segments into the camp of U.S. Labor Party candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche.

Over the past weeks, a growing number of pro-Kennedy activists—including Americans for Democratic Action director Leon Shull, New York lawyer Paul O'Dwyer and Rep. Nolan—as well as Committee on the Present Danger bigwig Sol Chaikin, have been privately talking up Mondale as the "ideal substitute" for Kennedy. Their common theme is that Mondale, unlike Kennedy, is one of the few liberals with firm ties to labor and the minorities!

The Mondale option was brought to the public's attention June 11 by *Christian Science Monitor* Washington correspondent Godfrey Sperling, who observed that: "... the real second choice (for Democratic nominee—ed.) of influential liberal politicians is Mr. Mondale. ... He's still riding high among the liberals who hold most of the key Democratic Party posts in the North and who over the years have controlled the party...."

Several of these "influential liberals" have told the *EIR* it's entirely possible that, should Carter be forced

to withdraw, he may well throw his full support behind Mondale in order to deny the nomination to his arch-enemy, Kennedy. This scenario, of course, would help further the ultimate election of Haig as President.

The Massachusetts Senator, meanwhile, has been the target of several not-so-subtle warnings from the Eastern Establishment press that he will not be allowed to get too big for his breeches. Coming primarily from the *New York Times*, the *New York Post*, and the *Christian Science Monitor*, these warnings have taken the form of "gentle reminders" about the Chappaquiddick incident, whose tenth anniversary is July 18. Kennedy "loyalists" over at the *Washington Post*, which is controlled by the Kennedy family bankers, Lazard Freres, leapt to Teddy's defense June 8 with a morbidly bizarre interview with the parents of Kennedy's victim, Mary Jo Kopechne, headlined "Kopechne Won't Fight a Kennedy Race in 1980."

Strange Bedfellows Department

Teamster sources report that GOP candidate John Connally is secretly conniving with Ted Kennedy to push the latter's scheme to deregulate the trucking industry. While actively courting labor support, Connally is also reported to be working for the repeal of the labor-backed Davis-Bacon Act. A white paper soon to be released by presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., documents that the deregulation proposal, hatched by the Brookings Institution in collusion with its "conservative" counterpart, the American Enterprise Institute, will cost the U.S. economy a whopping \$500 billion.

Meanwhile, William Buckley protégé Richard Viguerie has told friends that he's thinking of offering his fund-raising services to Connally. Viguerie, who is reliably reported to have voted for Jimmy Carter in 1976, has been working up till now for Republican presidential hopeful Phil Crane.

Viguerie has almost singlehandedly managed to destroy Crane's campaign; controversy caused by the fact that he raised \$1.7 million for Crane—by spending more than \$2 million—provoked sweeping defections by the Illinois conservative's top campaign staff last month, and Viguerie's temporary resignation. It now appears that Viguerie's Council on Foreign Relations stringpullers are deploying him into Connally's operation to perform a similar wrecking function in order to begin clearing the field for their preferred candidate, Alexander Haig.

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