

## Campaign 1980 by Kathleen Murphy



### Haig and Kissinger: back in the White House again?

Can it be possible that Alexander Haig and Henry Kissinger will soon be back in the White House, running the country into rack and ruin as they did during the final months of the Nixon administration?

Well, if Ronald Reagan wins in November, this nightmare could come true.

According to insiders, a strong faction among Reagan's advisers is actively lobbying the candidate to appoint Haig to a key cabinet post—Secretary of State or Defense—if not to the Vice-Presidency. One well-placed Reagan advisor, a former official of the Arms Control and Disarmament Administration, has put out the word that “there is an excellent chance that Haig will be a leader of the Reagan administration. I personally am very impressed with his credentials, as are most of Reagan's other foreign policy people. We all felt kind of sorry that Haig decided to bow out of the presidential race, but if we can get him in as V.P. or

something, that will be tremendous.” This source also claimed that Reagan himself has been carefully considering how best to employ Haig's “assets.”

The problem is, Haig has no assets or qualifications for any job at the level of government. His reign as paper-clip commander of NATO was a disaster—because he was no more than an agent of influence for British intelligence circles controlling NATO. If the same circles want to put him in a Reagan administration, his lack of qualifications make it necessary to talk as much as possible about how qualified he is.

Last week, syndicated columnists Evans and Novak waxed effusive over Haig's qualifications for heading up the State Department. Most important, they say, are his allegedly close ties to European leaders, especially West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, forged during the diminutive general's recent tenure as NATO commander in chief. The yentas also slyly observe that Haig “could be a bridge between Reagan and Kissinger.” Typical British understatement.

### Anderson gets some help

John Anderson received some important assistance in his quest for the presidency last week when 24 political figures signed a letter to the chairmen of the Republican and Democratic parties urging them not to block Anderson's efforts to get ballot status for the presidential elections.

The Carter-Mondale crew has vowed a major fight to keep the Illinois Congressman off as many state ballots as possible.

The group of 24 includes leading liberals from both parties, among them Senator George McGovern, Senator Adlai Steven-

son, Henry Cabot Lodge, former Interior Secretary Stewart Udall, and former Secretary of State George Ball, who recently endorsed Anderson.

The letter is one part of a major operation now underway to turn Anderson into a “major candidate.”

Sources tell us that the so-called Harriman faction (George Ball, Cyrus Vance, et al.) and the Aspen Institute crowd have decided to throw their weight to Anderson—covertly, for now. Part of their strategy for making Anderson a household word is to arrange for him to be included in the upcoming nationally televised presidential debates—debates run by Aspen through its control over the League of Women Voters, the sponsoring agency.

Rumors abound that some well-known backers of Ted Kennedy—including John Kenneth Galbraith—are prepared to switch to the Anderson Difference as soon as Kennedy is out of the race.

### More rumors

An unimpeachable source tells us that Dick Allen, Reagan's foreign policy coordinator and a staunch promoter of a U.S.-China military alliance, was so upset by a Chinese news agency statement criticizing Reagan for backtracking on the Sino-American rapprochement that he hightailed it over to the Chinese Embassy to assure them he'd “get Reagan under control immediately. . . .”

Some Democratic Party politicians are pushing a Jackson-Byrd ticket as an alternative to the Carter-Kennedy choice. Byrd, the Senate Majority Leader, has become progressively more outspoken in his criticisms of Carter, and is known to have had his eye on the White House for some time. . . .

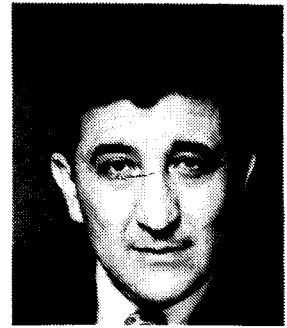
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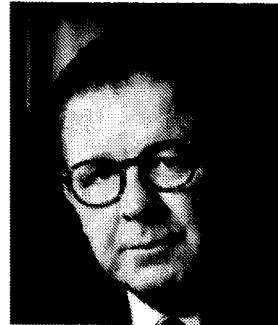
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