

Will Carter start a July missile crisis?

by Warren Hamerman

All over Washington these days—in Senate parlors, cocktail parties, reporters' clubs, union headquarters and the proverbial “smokefilled rooms” of every political grouping in both the Democratic and Republican parties—the talk is that a Brzezinski-controlled Jimmy Carter, in a last desperate binge to save his collapsed candidacy, is going to provoke a foreign policy crisis and get the United States into a military showdown in early-to-mid-July.

One nationally known reporter for the *Washington Post* commented at a recent party that the Democrats are headed for their worst defeat in history under Carter. He added that “it’s almost certain that Carter will create a big foreign crisis in July to try and restore his campaign.”

The word among the very top AFL-CIO leadership concurs: “If the election were today Carter would lose badly. There’s no way to improve Carter’s standing. There’s no way labor can deliver for Carter. The only thing Carter could hope for is a Cuban missile crisis, maybe in the Persian Gulf, in July.”

Someone close to the conservative Democratic grouping in the U.S. Senate around Senators Byrd, Jackson, Bentsen, Long and others recently observed:

“Carter disgraced our nation at the Venice Summit and humiliated himself personally. Even Carter knows this. Carter is going to create a huge military showdown in July before or during the Republican National Convention to try to ‘rally around the flag and the President’ the country which otherwise views him as an incompetent bum. Of course, Carter will probably botch it after he gets us into the crisis.”

Several political advisers to Ronald Reagan have been reporting recently that everyone in Republican circles is convinced that Carter is going to create “a missile showdown, probably in July, to shore up his campaign.” A foreign policy adviser to Reagan remarked:

“In the last month it has spread like wildfire that the U.S. is falling fast. The helicopter landing in Iran helped this perception grow. Carter knows, and in fact his wife reminds him, that the polls go up if he does something in foreign policy. I have warned that Carter will allow a war situation to develop and that a military response will happen and he will hope to contain it.”

In a recent private poll conducted among 14 Democratic Party state chairmen nearly a dozen of the group thought that Carter, if nominated, would lose the election in their states, and that since the President is so weak and incompetent, they personally hoped that the election would split three ways and go into the House of Representatives where an “ABC Democrat” could be selected for President. An “ABC Democrat,” of course, is for “Anyone But Carter.”

Many of the state chairmen thought that only if Carter could appear presidential in a big foreign policy crisis before the Democratic Convention in August, could he reverse his standing.

The President-makers chart their options

The New York Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) and Trilateral Commission crew who put Carter into

office in 1976—Averell Harriman, Cyrus Vance, George Ball and the Aspen Institute crowd—are currently playing around with several games:

Game #1: The Anderson Option or Constitutional Crisis scenario, which also includes the feature of up to 60 percent of the Democratic delegates for Kennedy bolting the Democratic National Convention for John Anderson.

Game #2: The Mondale or Muskie Option or “Substitution Scenario”—switching one CFR puppet (Carter) for another with the same policies. Operations are already in place through Rosalynn Carter and the Carters’ psychiatrist to convince him to resign while ahead rather than being thrown to the dogs between August and November.

Game #3: Keeping Carter, but trying to “stabilize” his administration by ousting Brzezinski et al. Most concede that this option is virtually impossible because of the unfeasibility of “stabilizing” Carter. However, in order for the Anderson game to work, Carter must be stabilized enough to get the Democratic nomination, because Game #1 only works if it is Carter, Reagan, and Anderson in the race. Hence, the concurrence around the July military showdown.

Game #4: The Democratic power brokers make a deal with Ronald Reagan, while writing off the Democratic Party. In the estimate of some leading Democrats, they could lose as many as 50 congressional seats to Republicans if Carter got the nomination.

In addition to the moves of the Council on Foreign Relations crew, a group of conservative Democratic Senators representing the high-technology industries— aerospace, computers, nuclear, agricultural implements—have grouped around the potential candidacy of Henry Jackson, who, however, has apparently decided not to run. Jackson’s grouping in the Coalition for a Democratic Majority (CDM) is now in extensive negotiations with Ronald Reagan and, in fact, it has already been publicly rumored that Senator Jackson may be offered the post of Secretary of State in a Reagan cabinet. Jackson has profiled himself by adopting the thrust of the domestic economic policy programs of Lyndon H. LaRouche, grafted onto a confused foreign policy of his own concoction.

How the Anderson game works

The Anderson or Constitutional Crisis scenario is the most dangerous game in town. The quickest way for an already weakened United States to succumb to a dictatorship would be for an independent President not linked to a major political party to get in office.

It is for exactly this reason that evil and seditious men like Douglass Cater of the Aspen Institute and Samuel Huntington are advising Anderson and working out the implications of using him to “restructure the American political system *and* change the American

Constitution,” as they put it.

The Democratic elite who sold Carter to the nation like a new brand of toothpaste are lining up in the Anderson camp. George Ball and Felix Rohatyn are Anderson advisers on foreign and economic policy respectively. Anderson has had a big influx of money lately from Laurence Rockefeller, Atlantic Richfield chairman Robert O. Anderson, Andrew Heiskell of Time-Life, Inc., New York City real estate heavy and Roy Cohn colleague Alan V. Tishman, Texas department store magnate Stanley Marcus, Lehman Brothers advisory director Ben Buttenweiser, Phillips-Van Heusen president Lawrence Phillips, Leon Levy of the Oppenheimer Fund, A.N. Pritzker, John Hay Whitney, Charles H. Dyson, and Richardson Dilworth, the manager of the Rockefeller family assets.

Timed with the probable outbreak of Carter’s stage-managed military crisis, John Anderson has made a tour abroad, where doors opened to him as the hand-picked “alternative” of the Council on Foreign Relations and Trilateral Commission.

On July 8-11 Anderson is in Israel meeting with Prime Minister Begin, Foreign Minister designate Shamir and Jerusalem’s Mayor Teddy Kollek; July 11-13 he will meet in Egypt with President Sadat, Hassan-Ali and Boutros Gali; July 13-15 he will be in West Germany where he is scheduled to meet with Chancellor Schmidt, Foreign Minister Genscher and opposition candidate Franz Josef Strauss; July 15-16 he will be in France meeting with Foreign Minister François-Poncet, Socialist Party leader Mitterrand and others; July 16-18 he will be in London meeting Prime Minister Thatcher, Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, and others.

For the cynical and traitorous Council on Foreign Relations crew, whether or not Anderson actually becomes President is secondary at this point. An Anderson-Carter-Reagan race is intended to trigger a constitutional crisis. The Electoral College ballots are counted on Jan. 6 before a joint session of Congress, and if no one receives a majority of the Vice-Presidential ballots then the Senate must choose a Vice-President from among the top two contenders. If no one receives a majority of the 538 electoral votes, then the House of Representatives is instructed to choose the next President from among the three top individuals.

From this point forward, the many intricate steps are in legal dispute and the nation could remain in total chaos for months pending court decisions. Is it the old or the new Senate and House which chooses? Or further, if by Inauguration Day (January 20) no President or Vice-President is chosen, nothing in the Constitution says explicitly that the line established by the Presidential Succession Act—Vice-President (Mondale), Speaker of the House (Tip O’Neill), President Pro Tem of the Senate (Magnuson), and Secretary of State (Muskie)—automatically comes into force.

Congress appears to have the carte blanche under these circumstances either to invoke the Succession Act or to vote for an "Emergency Government of National Unity" or whatever. Of course, under such circumstances, Douglass Cater and the Aspen Institute would surface their well-researched operation to change the *Constitution*.

In the words of one political insider, if the election were between Carter, Anderson and Reagan, the United States, in the fall and winter of 1980-81, would make what's gone on in Iran over the last year appear to be a model of a well-functioning democratic republic in comparison!

The Anderson game doesn't work if the Democratic Convention selects another candidate besides Carter. The talk inside Democratic political circles, therefore, is that this is why Ted Kennedy is not responding to his delegates' strong sentiment for an open convention.

A grouping in the Kennedy camp, probably around Ted Sorensen and the "McGovernites" directed by Averell Harriman, Arthur Schlesinger and the World Bank's Robert McNamara, is thought to be leading the sabotage of the open convention from within the Kennedy camp. This is also, of course, the same crowd now promoting the Anderson option and opening doors for him.

The "shrewd" gamesters of the Anderson scenario are most probably involved in helping Carter have his July missile crisis to ensure that he can be held together to get the Democratic nomination. Some have even suggested with glee that Carter will certainly botch the job on his "war confrontation," which could then activate the Reagan or Mondale-Muskie scenarios. (Even some self-styled "cool thinkers" in the Jackson camp and elsewhere in the Democratic Party, as well as the advisers to Reagan, are letting Carter go ahead and get the nation into a mess from which we may not exit, for the same considerations.)

The Mondale-Muskie option

It has been observed that all the major presidential decisions for the last 20 years in America have been determined by the small group of psychiatrists treating Lady Bird Johnson, Pat Nixon, Betty Ford and Rosalynn Carter.

One can almost imagine Rosalynn whispering to Jimmy: "If you step aside now, after having beaten Kennedy in the primaries, you will look good in history. If you get the nomination, the New York and Washington boys in the back room will throw you to the dogs in August, September and October. Let's get out now, Jimmy."

In much the same way, it is known that Betty convinced Gerry on election night in 1976 not to contest the massive vote fraud of the Trilateral Commission

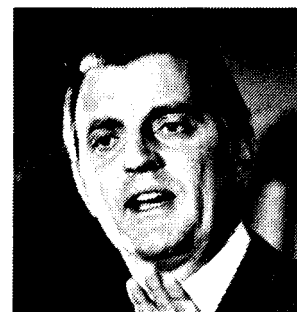
that put Carter into office. In 1968 it was Lady Bird who lovingly counseled Lyndon Johnson to announce that he would not seek renomination. One wonders at Pat's role in convincing Nixon to step aside.

One month ago the Mondale-Muskie option was in high gear, motivated by the powerful sentiments of especially the American labor movement. The major impediment to this scenario is that both Mondale and Muskie have demonstrated that they don't have what it takes to run with the ball when it's given to them. Mondale has a propensity, on librium, to run into walls instead. Muskie, it will be recalled, is wont to cry in public.

Furthermore, Muskie and Mondale are nearly as discredited as Carter abroad and have broken too many promises to constituencies in the United States to go very far.



GAME 1:
"The Anderson or
'Constitutional Crisis'
scenario is the most
dangerous game in
town"



GAME 2:
"The Mondale or
Muskie option or
'Substitution Scenario'
—switching one CFR
puppet for another"

Of course, they enjoy the flattery of being considered, and therefore have their own private motives for watching Carter take a nosedive in a July missile showdown from which they would emerge looking rational by comparison.

The Reagan game

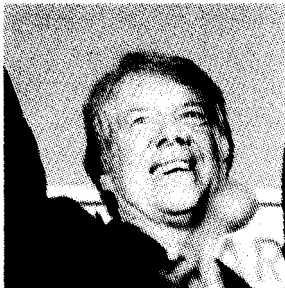
"Who's Flirting With Ronald Now" may well be the theme song of the *Democratic* Party. For the Coalition for a Democratic Majority (Richard Pipes, Moynihan, Jackson, Wright of Texas, ex-Admiral Zumwalt) the question was never "Carter or not Carter"; the question was always "Reagan or not Reagan."

In the words of one source, "Remember back 20 years ago. Fred Iklé was at the RAND Corporation

with Schlesinger at the same time that Kissinger was acting as a RAND consultant. These three men are the fathers of U.S. strategic deterrence. ... Reagan has been close to RAND for a long time."

The media have publicly speculated that Alexander Haig is being considered for a Reagan post because of his usefulness in bridging the gap between Kissinger and Reagan. The men behind the scenes in the Reagan camp on a policy level include Eugene Rostow, Richard Pipes (CDM), Elmo Zumwalt (CDM), Paul Nitze and others who would normally be associated with the circles around Henry Jackson.

It is also well known that certain leading labor officials are even going so far as to indicate privately that if Reagan were to preannounce as Secretary of Labor someone like John Dunlop, then the AFL-CIO would not endorse anyone publicly for President and



GAME 3:
"The 'Stick With Carter Game'— making Carter 'look good' during a July crisis"



GAME 4:
"The 'Who's Flirting With Ronald Now?' game, writing off the Democratic Party"

thus ensure the defeat of Carter.

It is generally conceded in most Democratic circles that Reagan would deliver a defeat to the Democrats worse than that suffered by the Republicans under Goldwater in 1964.

However, Reagan's acceptability in Europe is dubious, to say the least. The advisers around him are viewed as ideologues who are likely to respond in even more knee-jerk and inexperienced fashion than the Carter crew to any international crisis.

Stick with Carter game

The nearly impossible task of stabilizing Carter and reelecting him President depends on removing Brzezinski and others of his advisers, shifting some of his

policies, and various other cosmetics. As with the other games, however, the Democratic nomination for Carter could only be fixed under the circumstances that he "looked good" during a July showdown crisis. Virtually everyone concedes that Carter would most likely bungle the crisis.

Here lies the basic point of *reality* which cuts through all the "shrewd" thinking of the gamemasters. In the next weeks Carter may very well enter an apparently "staged" military crisis, say in Iran, with what he thinks are prearranged agreements to keep the conflict contained.

Once a fire is started, however, there may be no fire department. Through bungling and miscalculation, the conflict could rapidly escalate into an eyeball-to-eyeball confrontation no matter what pre-arranged deals were struck.

The Soviet Union is not about to play electoral games to aid Carter. History is replete with examples of such "Frankenstein" monsters. In this century, two world wars were fought because the British Empire miscalculated when its arrangements broke down.

The basic self-interests of the United States as a nation must take priority over the electoral theater of presidential game-scenarios. A staged crisis could mean the obliteration of the weakened United States in World War III.

It is known to every parent that little children like Carter are not to be allowed to play with fire under any circumstances.

The open convention

Despite a strong consensus among conservative Democratic Senators that Carter, Anderson, Kennedy and Reagan are unthinkable Presidents, Henry Jackson apparently has decided not to move for an open convention. Large sections of the labor movement and the high-technology band of American industry (aerospace, computer, agricultural implements and machine tools) agree with the domestic economic policy package that Jackson shares with Lyndon LaRouche.

The essential features of LaRouche's program define the only real option for our nation to avoid calamity.

The next American President, the Democratic candidate, must recommit our nation to a course of high-technology industrial, agricultural and scientific production and development with a full-scale orientation to a massive *export* program.

In particular America must reverse the disasters imposed on our military, industrial and scientific capabilities through mobilizing for a commitment to nuclear energy development again. The commitment to nuclear energy—as demonstrated in the recent period by the success of France's rise to world leadership—must encompass the full spectrum from bringing nuclear

fission reactors back on line and into operation through reinvigorating the breeder program and ensuring ample funding of scientific research for the early commercial development of fusion energy systems.

Finally, the next American President must listen to the wise counsel of France and Germany to restore gold-backing to the dollar and embark upon creating a new world monetary system. Together with our European allies and allies in Mexico, India and other developing nations, America's economic growth must be based upon a commitment to the industrialization and development of the Third World nations.

This program is the only *reality* which avoids World War III.

The overwhelming sentiment in the Democratic Party is to dump Carter and have a truly open convention committed to selecting a candidate who conforms to the policy program above. The overwhelming majority of the entire nation would be horrified to know that political gamesters and camps are all agreed on letting Carter deliberately ignite a fire somewhere in the world in the next few weeks and "handle" it by going in for a military showdown. Reality must intervene into the scenarios if our nation is to survive.

In his soon-to-be-released Draft Platform for the Democratic National Convention, Lyndon LaRouche Jr. remarks in his circulating letter:

"Now that Senator Henry 'Scoop' Jackson has apparently resolved not to continue his tentative 'dark horse' candidacy, I am the only acceptable candidate remaining in the race. Whether or not you resolve to nominate me, the fact remains that I am now the only existing rally-point for rescuing the Democratic Party from the contempt and humiliation to which the Carter mis-administration and the thuggery of his nomination campaign have degraded the party.

"In truth, knowing the structure of the Reagan campaign and the nightmare resulting from Mondale's becoming Acting President through a House of Representatives debacle next January, I foresee no clear way this nation could survive degradation to a third-rate power or worse results, unless I can gain your support for the Democratic nomination. Yet, even in face of the dismal uncertainties to be seen, I shall not cease fighting, whatever the outcome of the August convention and November elections. ..."

At this time, LaRouche is the only candidate who can serve as a rallying point for the nation to dump Carter—before his July missile crisis—and proceed to have an open convention.

Many may now think that LaRouche is not credible as a candidate to take the nomination at the August Convention. They would agree, however, that LaRouche is the only credible candidate to go out front and act as a catalyst to ensure that the convention is

open.

Recently, Lyndon LaRouche has emphasized repeatedly that he has a better chance for getting the Democratic nomination and becoming President than the nation does of surviving.

The agreement among all other political camps, their differences notwithstanding, that it would be tactically useful for Carter to stage a mid-July missile crisis underscores that reality with an urgent necessity.

The gamemasters operate with impunity in concocting their "shrewd" scenarios and options because they rely upon the American media, the most corrupt band of liars and manipulators, to mesmerize the population into confusion and cynicism. Through psychological control techniques they therefore will smugly lead the American population like sheep to the slaughter. With everyone in Washington discussing day and night the likelihood that our country is about to have a pre-planned military showdown, the news media are deliberately keeping the wraps on the story until they orchestrate the theater of commentary for the credulous.

Aside from media manipulation, the political gamesters rely upon outright thuggery. For example, the notoriously petty crew around Carter is fixing a closed convention which will very likely include a prearranged deal with Ted Kennedy.

Les Francis and John White are essentially running a two-man Democratic National Committee (DNC) operation which is trying to lie, cheat, bribe and intimidate its way into forcing Carter down the throat of an unwilling Democratic Convention. Unprecedented in recent American political history was a special meeting last week of the chairmen of the state Democratic parties with White and Francis. After White and Francis explained how the DNC, now run by former operatives of the Carter Campaign Committee, would take over the state parties and control all money, staff and decisions before the convention, one state chairman after another rose to denounce the DNC as a not-so-covert plumbers' unit to "Reelect the President."

Through organized crime czar Benjamin Civiletti at the Carter Justice Department, massive investigations and indictments are launched against any political figure, unionist, or industrialist who is committed to an open convention, while Ted Kennedy and his national staff look the other way, or in some cases abet Carter.

Despite the media manipulation, "shrewd" tactics of the political gamesters, and the Carter thug operations, the American nation must now assert itself on behalf of reality. The vast majority of the Democratic Party and of the nation at large want an open convention. Those forces in agriculture, labor, industry, urban machines and the military who want to get Carter out and a real candidate in must act now, before our country is in the middle of a nuclear missile countdown.