

Elephants and Donkeys by Kathleen Klenetsky

Senate contests threaten Reagan's power

While the presidential election has dominated the American political scene since February, there are several Senate battles whose outcome could shift control of the Senate's Republican majority even more into the hands of Henry Kissinger and his circle, giving Kissinger added power over the administration.

One of the more important of these is taking place in Massachusetts, where Elliot Richardson is vying for the Senate seat now held by by Sen. Paul Tsongas, a liberal Democrat who has decided not to seek reelection for health reasons.

Richardson is one of the brightest stars in the Eastern Establishment firmament. Scion of a Boston Brahmin family, Richardson has espoused a Malthusian, one-worldist viewpoint throughout a political career that has taken him from Harvard Law to the Court of St. James, with stops as Secretary of Defense, Commerce, and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in between.

In the Senate, Richardson is expected to line up with the gaggle of liberal Republicans headed by Senators Charles Percy and Chuck Mathias.

Richardson and the Palace Guard

Richardson is being opposed in the September primary by Ray Shamie, a conservative Republican who ran a vigorous, though ultimately unsuccessful, campaign against Sen. Ted Kennedy back in 1982.

Although Shamie's politics are far more in line with President Reagan's than are Richardson's, Richardson is still receiving the Republican Party's official support.

This occurred through the direct intervention of the White House Pal-

ace Guard—the James Baker-Michael Deaver-Richard Darman nexus which has pushed and prodded Reagan into adopting a “moderate” approach to strategic issues at the precise time when the Soviets are preparing to instigate a major international crisis in order to deny Reagan reelection. Richardson goes back with Baker at least a decade, and with Darman even further.

A Richardson victory is being treated as a foregone conclusion. On the day he announced, the Massachusetts media declared him a shoo-in. The Democratic Party leadership is doing nothing to prevent that. In fact, when Richardson entered the race, Rep. John Markey, a liberal Democrat who had planned to run, suddenly withdrew.

The Royal Family's two cents

An equally pivotal contest is taking place in North Carolina, where long-time conservative Republican Senator Jesse Helms is facing a strong challenge from Gov. James Hunt.

Hunt, a liberal Democrat who espouses a radical post-industrial policy, is championing the cause of Great Britain in his campaign. Hunt is running television ads attacking Helms as the only U.S. Senator to vote against Great Britain's attack on the Malvinas in 1982.

In October, the Queen of England is coming to North Carolina to commemorate Sir Walter Raleigh's landing in America. Squiring her around the state will be candidate Hunt. Sources in the state report that “Anglophilia is at an all-time high” there, and that Hunt is exploiting it to the fullest.

The American Israeli Political Affairs Committee has unofficially organized some very rich Zionists to pump tens and perhaps hundreds of thousands of dollars into Hunt's campaign coffers. This is ostensibly being

done for fear that Illinois' Senator Percy might be defeated in his reelection campaign, which would mean that Helms would replace him as chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The Democratic Party's elite is also throwing its weight behind Hunt. Cyrus Vance, Robert McNamara, Angier Biddle-Duke, and other big guns have attended fundraisers for him in New York.

Texas: A loser either way

Senator John Tower's (R-Tex.) decision to retire when his term expires this year has resulted in a Texas-style free-for-all. After a hotly contested Democratic primary—in which vote fraud against one of the contenders, Rep. Kent Hance, allegedly took place—Austin state senator Lloyd Doggett emerged as the party's nominee.

A “new breed” liberal who opposes adequate defense spending, supports gay rights, and advocates a “pay as you go” approach to domestic spending, Doggett is being backed by Ray Marshall, Secretary of Labor in the Carter administration.

Doggett's opponent in the race is Rep. Phil Gramm, an ex-Democrat linked directly into the Swiss-based Mont Pelerin Society, a group of anti-American economists which preaches the “free enterprise” epitomized by Milton Friedman's call for legalizing heroin.

Gramm has been endorsed by Tower, and is campaigning as a Reagan loyalist. His effort is being lavishly funded by Texas oilmen. Doggett has the state Democratic Party's backing, but his finances are said to be in poor shape.

However, as a seasoned Texas political organizer told *EIR* recently, “no matter who wins this race, it will be bad for both the state and the nation.”