

Elephants and Donkeys by Kathleen Klenetsky

Whither the Democratic Party?

EIR has learned that Mondale's string-pullers in the Swiss-run, Minneapolis-based grain cartel are putting the finishing touches on a scheme to "Green" the party in the post-November 6 period.

They are counting on a crushing Mondale electoral defeat to create the conditions under which the remaining conservative and moderate Democrats will become so demoralized that they will finally cry "Enough!" and split out of the party, merging with moderate Republicans in a third, centrist political institution. When this happens, the "progressives" will be able to seize control and remake the party in their own bizarre image.

This scenario was described to *EIR* by George S. Pillsbury, Jr., the oligarchical family which founded the grain-cartel-interlocked Pillsbury Co. Pillsbury—whose father sits on the board of the Hubert Humphrey Institute, the Minneapolis think-tank which independent Democratic presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche Jr. identified in an Oct. 23 nationwide TV broadcast as the chief organization involved in building a Green fascist movement in America—told *EIR* that he's one of the key organizers of the "Greening" of the Democratic Party.

"I'm devoting all my efforts to seeing that the Democratic Party will be radically transformed" and will embrace "Green values . . . like no economic growth and scaling down people's lifestyles," Pillsbury declared.

According to Pillsbury, once the party "sheds its conservative half," the

"progressives" will proceed to implement a full-fledged Green program: unilateral nuclear disarmament, the dismantling of what's left of the U.S. nuclear power industry, the destruction of large-scale, capital-intensive industry and agriculture—and a warm invitation to Moscow to take over the country.

Pillsbury directs a network of "alternative foundations" which fund various "grass-roots" community organizations—local nuke-freeze groups, women's groups, environmentalists, etc.—whose purpose is to "create the constituencies and social movements" that will permit the "progressives" to seize the Democratic Party and "reorient it away from its traditional politics" toward "the values the Greens represent."

"Mario Cuomo and Jesse Jackson will be the torchbearers of this movement," said Pillsbury, adding that Cuomo, a devotee of the pro-Hitler Jesuit Teilhard de Chardin is "particularly adept at articulating the kind of values we're talking about." As for Mondale, he's "too tied" to "old politics," but will nevertheless "line up with us."

The transformed Democratic Party which Pillsbury is trying to bring into existence will be solidly Green-oriented. "There will be certain differences, of course. For example, I don't necessarily agree with the West German Greens' insistence on not calling themselves leftist. After all, that's what they are. But that's just a minor difference. We are definitely committed to the Greens' values, to making them the values of the Democratic Party."

The most important of these values, said Pillsbury, is the "rejection of the idea that economic growth is going to last, or is necessarily good. . . .

Progressives and leftists will have to drop their old rhetoric about economic growth and start facing up to the fact that, since 1973, there hasn't been any real growth, and there isn't going to be any in the future. . . .

"We won't be able to attack economic growth outright, of course," Pillsbury added, "but we'll have to find a way of expressing the idea" that will be acceptable to Americans.

The LaRouche factor

The problem with the scenario which Pillsbury and his cohorts have adopted is summed up in one word: LaRouche. Founder in 1980 of what has become the largest and fastest-growing political action committee in the country, the National Democratic Policy Committee (NDPC), LaRouche has enormously increased his influence among traditional Democrats over the course of the last 10 months, despite unabated harassment by the party hierarchy.

LaRouche's vow to retake the Democratic Party from the Manatt-Harriman-Mondale traitors and prevent its falling into the hands of the Greens has struck a deep and responsive chord among many Democrats who had despaired of the party ever being put back on a positive track.

In the main, these are the same moderate and conservative elements which the Green faction is planning on forcing out. LaRouche's NDPC, which fielded over 2,000 candidates for local, state, and federal office in 1984, plans to organize these actual "grass-roots constituencies" into a potent political force—and give the fascist Greens a real run for their money in the battle to shape the future of the Democratic Party.