

## Elephants & Donkeys by Kathleen Klenetsky

### Hart's downfall benefits Al Gore

Gary Hart's presidential effort has suffered a fatal blow, dealt him by a dirty-tricks operation carried out from the inside of his campaign by moles associated with former DNC chairman Bob Strauss.

Strauss, who recently returned from a trip to Israel and Egypt (he was accompanied by Pamela Harriman, the *Washington Post's* Katharine Graham, and agribusiness magnate Dwayne Andreas), is collaborating closely with a group of New York investment firms linked to Soviet-tainted networks in Israel.

*EIR* has learned that Hart's involvement with model Donna Rice, which exploded in the media in early May, was part of a set-up designed by Strauss and friends to topple Hart from front-runner status, or to knock him out of the race altogether.

Immediately after the *Miami Herald* broke the story, Strauss piously announced he had no choice but to renege on his offer to help Hart retire his 1984 campaign debt.

Six weeks before, Fr. Frank Haig, a Jesuit priest and brother of Alexander Haig, predicted to a journalist that, despite Hart's high standing in the polls, he would soon be out of the running. The issue was "integrity, character." "The trap has been set," he said, "and it's just waiting to be sprung."

Hart walked right into it. On May 7, the former Colorado Senator announced that he was putting his campaign on hold for several weeks, and it was all but certain that he would soon pull out of the race for good. The final blow was struck by the

*Washington Post*, which informed Hart May 7 that it was going to publish an article the following day, reporting on his long-time liaison with the wife of a former U.S. senator.

Why would Strauss and company want to bring down someone whose political career has been cut from the Democratic establishment mold? As *EIR* reported last week, Hart's strategy for 1988 was to challenge the party establishment, especially the Carter-Mondale wing of the party, and the AFL-CIO, which has had the knives out for Hart since his 1984 campaign against "special interests"—i.e., organized labor.

Worse, at least from the standpoint of the Strauss crowd, there were suggestions that Hart was considering turning away from the liberal East Coast establishment, and seeking political and financial support instead from the military-industrial complex. That would imply he was also prepared to change his policies, adopting a more pro-defense posture, and advocating the shoring-up of America's sagging industrial base.

Indeed, Hart had begun to shift his economic policies. In 1984, he avidly promoted the post-industrial society. But this time around, he had stressed the need for reviving U.S. basic industry. That lends all the more significance to the fact that the intended beneficiary of Hart's political woes is Albert Gore, the pretty-boy Senator from Tennessee who is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Soviet agent Armand Hammer.

*EIR* previously reported that Gore's father sits on the board of Hammer's Occidental Petroleum. On May 5, Hammer formally endorsed Al Jr. Speaking to the National Press Club, Hammer announced that Gore would make an excellent President, because he "understands how to deal with the Soviets, and, above all, is Mr. Clean."

If what Hammer means by "deal," is a deal to sell out the United States to Moscow, Gore is amply qualified. He is one of the most fanatical opponents of the Strategic Defense Initiative in Congress; he also has been instrumental in promoting the Midgetman missile to replace the MX—a job for which it is completely inadequate; and he has consistently hammered on President Reagan for abandoning SALT II.

### Dole: Israel should join NATO

Propitiating enemies of the United States appears to be the name of the game for most of the current crop of would-be Presidents. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.), a close associate of the man slated to inherit Hammer's mantle as Moscow's favorite American "capitalist," the above-mentioned Dwayne Andreas, endorsed a joint Soviet-Israeli proposal for having Israel replace NATO as the U.S.'s central strategic ally.

Dole staked out this position in a speech to an April 29 meeting of the National Jewish Coalition, a group of Jewish Republican businessmen organized by the organized-crime linked Max Fisher.

Dole proposed a "new initiative" in which Israel would play a pronounced role in NATO. The U.S. should "explore a new level of strategic partnership" with Israel, he said, because tensions between Greece and Turkey have weakened NATO's southern flank.

"We have to establish a more effective way to insure strategic coordination between NATO and Israel," said Dole. "The mechanism for coordination need not—and should not—be highly structured. In fact, the less visible it is, the better."