

## Elephants & Donkeys by Kathleen Klenetsky

### Carter cousin set to throw hat in ring

Scuttlebutt has it that Sam Nunn, the great hope of the Trilateral Commission and Jimmy Carter's fourth cousin, is about to jump into the Democratic presidential race.

The senator from Georgia is expected to make some kind of announcement in September. His strategy is to avoid Iowa and New Hampshire—letting these contests knock out the weaker candidates—and to focus instead on making a dramatic showing in the March 8 Super Tuesday primaries.

Chuck Robb, former Virginia governor and a co-founder with Nunn of the self-styled centrist group, Democratic Leadership Council, has made it known that he will work full-time for Nunn's campaign, at least until he launches his own campaign to unseat Virginia Republican Sen. Paul Trible.

Nunn, who supports the Contra cause, is the current darling of the Project Democracy crowd, one of whose media spokesmen, George Will, described his vision of "President Nunn's Team" in the Aug. 3 issue of *Newsweek*.

Will's suggestions/predictions for the Nunn cabinet would be funny, if they weren't so downright frightening. Unfortunately, they aren't simply the products of Will's frequently fevered imagination, but a good guess at who is likely to make policy were Nunn—God forbid—elected President.

For Secretary of State, Will suggests Robert Strauss, the Democratic Party wheeler-and-dealer whose rela-

tionship with the late Averell Harriman's wife, Pamela, has raised eyebrows even in their dissolute circles. Next to Strauss, George Shultz looks like the hardline hawk of the century.

Will's choice for the Pentagon is equally egregious: retired Adm. Jim Woolsey, who was hired by key Iran-gate figure Michael Ledeen to defend him during the congressional probe. Woolsey currently serves as counsel to the Center for Strategic and International Studies, the Washington think tank which is home to Henry Kissinger and Zbigniew Brzezinski. CSIS prides itself on being the prime mover in the United States in the scheme to decouple Europe from the United States. Nunn, whose infamous "Nunn amendment" would have forced a U.S. military pullout from Western Europe, has had a formal relationship to CSIS for years.

As national security adviser, Will suggests Brent Scowcroft of Kissinger Associates and CSIS. Scowcroft is among the more outspoken critics of the Strategic Defense Initiative.

For CIA director, Will would install Lane Kirkland, a board member of Project Democracy's National Endowment for Democracy, and a product of Jay Lovestone's Soviet penetration operation.

For Agriculture, he suggests another Moscow-linked figure: Archer-Daniels-Midland head Dwayne Andreas, a frequent guest of the Russian ruling elite. ("But have Lane Kirkland keep an eye on him because he is a bit too fond of selling to the Soviet Union," Will adds, in an obvious—and laughable—effort to protect his conservative image.)

Will's other candidates are all just as bad: environmentalist maniac Bruce Babbitt for Interior Secretary, Lazard Frères' Felix Rohatyn for chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, and Scott Matheson, former Utah gover-

nor and chief counsel to the Harriman family's Union Pacific Railroad, for Commerce Secretary.

And you thought the Carter administration was bad!

### Labor rank and file: thumbs down to Seven Dwarfs

The AFL-CIO leadership, which rammed the early endorsement of Walter Mondale down the rank and file's throat in 1984, is finding it a lot more difficult to sell a presidential candidate this time around. There's as much, if not more, lack of interest in the Seven Dwarfs, as the media has dubbed the non-LaRouche gaggle of Democratic candidates, within labor's ranks as any other segment of the party.

One leader of a large international union told the AFL-CIO Political Works Committee in mid-August that no candidate of either party got more than 10% in preference polls of the membership.

Another union leader, William Wynn, who heads the 1.3 million member United Food and Commercial Workers Union said Aug. 13 that it is "premature" for labor to endorse a candidate because most union members are undecided. A poll of his membership showed that 41% responded "none of the above" when asked which of the candidates they preferred.

In Iowa itself, the Seven Dwarfs fare even worse. A whopping 61% of 300 Iowa Democrats surveyed for Boston radio station WMJX in mid-August said they were still undecided. Of the candidates, the highest ranker was Massachusetts Gov. Mike Dukakis—with 8%! And he may have done that well only because *Playgirl* magazine named him one of the 10 sexiest men in America.