

## Elephants & Donkeys by Kathleen Klenetsky

### Bush courts Gorbachov, wins Pravda backing

George Bush is reaping his reward for being the only Republican presidential candidate thus far to give an unqualified imprimatur to the "New Munich" INF Treaty: the Soviet Union's endorsement, and a breakfast with the great Czar Mikhail himself.

On Dec. 3, the Soviet Communist Party daily, *Pravda*, hailed Bush as the only "good" Republican Party candidate in the race. (*Pravda* gave its endorsement to Walter Mondale back in 1984.)

A week later, Bush was granted his own personal audience with Gorbachov. The Soviets allowed the Vice President to bring along some of his key campaign backers, so that they, too, could get a taste of how Moscow rewards its collaborators.

Bush is bending over backwards to tell all and sundry that he always knew that Gorbachov was a man you could do business with. Stumping in Iowa a few days before the summit, Bush proudly asserted, "I made the first contact with Gorbachov ever for the United States," when he went to the funeral of Konstantin Chernenko. "The minute I saw" Gorbachov, "I could tell there was something very different about him."

A top Bush adviser, retired admiral Daniel Murphy, says that the Vice President was "always in favor" of

doing deals with Moscow. "This didn't mean giving the farm away, but getting on with it. . . . It runs right through his character."

Murphy told the *Washington Post* that Bush had wanted the Reagan administration to adopt a conciliatory tone toward Moscow early on. He would be "on the side of discussing things with the Soviet Union," said Murphy.

Other sources told the *Post* that Bush, together with former national security adviser Robert McFarlane, played a key role in prompting Reagan down the road toward the "New Munich" treaty, and that McFarlane—a major player in the Iran scandal—continues to advise the Vice President.

Another top Bush adviser is Richard Burt, the current U.S. ambassador to West Germany. That should touch off alarm bells. Not only did Burt, as assistant secretary of state in the Reagan administration, help fashion the so-called "zero option" as part of an overall package to decouple NATO; but, while working as a reporter for the *New York Times* during the Carter regime, he leaked crucial classified U.S. intelligence secrets. He now cavorts around Germany with the degenerate oligarchs of the Thurn und Taxis clan, while wining and dining the violently anti-American Green Party at the U.S. embassy in Bonn.

By the way, Bush told TV interviewer David Frost recently that he thinks another pivotal Irangate figure—Ollie North—will go down in history as a hero. "I respect somebody who feels passionately and strongly about values, about things, about his country, his patriotism," said Bush. Gee, George, what about the Constitution?

### Robertson was a rum-runner in Korea

Many a candidate for President likes to parade his war record before the voters. But, it appears, Pat Robertson won't be one of them. The sanctimonious television preacher spent his time in Korea running liquor for profit to his fellow GIs, in between alleged visits to prostitutes.

Robertson has been accused of smuggling liquor and "availing himself" of prostitutes during the Korean War, by Paul Brosman, who served there with Robertson. A retired university professor, Brosman contends that Robertson was known as the "Masan liquor officer," for his smuggling success. He also said that Robertson was once "scared to death" he had picked up a venereal disease from a prostitute.

Brosman's statements were contained in court documents filed in response to a suit Robertson has brought against former Congressman Pete McCloskey, for contending that Robertson's father (at the time a powerful senator from Virginia) got his son out of combat duty and into cushy assignments.

### So what's Ted Kennedy up to these days?

Rumors are floating around Washington that Ted Kennedy is eyeing a bid for the Democratic presidential nomination. Reportedly, Kennedy is regrouping some of his old political hands under the command of former JFK adviser Ted Sorenson. A few months ago, *EIR* learned that Kennedy had hired five or six of his former top campaign advisers to his current staff.