

## Campaign 1980 by Kathleen Murphy

### Haig bows out... for now

Former NATO Supreme Commander Alexander Haig has bowed out of the 1980 presidential race and accepted the post as president and chief operating officer of the defense-oriented United Technologies Corporation

Haig decided not to become a candidate, as had been expected, after being suddenly called to New York for consultations with circles identified with the Council on Foreign Relations.

Our sources caution us, however, that the Council has not dismissed the possibility of reviving Haig's candidacy under the appropriate crisis conditions. As the Dec. 29 London *Economist* notes in assessing Haig's political future: "Improbable as it seems, the possibility of a dark horse in the form of a man riding on a white one cannot be absolutely ruled out (although) as a vice presidential candidate ... Haig's chances look better."

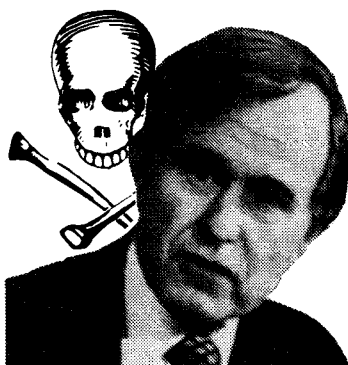
### 'Lurching and drifting' with Teddy

None other than Democratic presidential candidate Edward Kennedy has joined the Republican National Committee to cry "Who Lost Iran?" at Jimmy Carter. For the first time since his roundly booed remarks on the Shah of Iran, Kennedy has decided it's safe to criticize the President. After all, the GOP is doing it.

Campaigning in the Midwest last week, the Massachusetts Senator accused the administration of "lurching from crisis to crisis" in domestic and international affairs. "Many of us are troubled," he said, "as I am troubled and you are troubled, when we see Ameri-

can embassies that are burned, Americans held hostage, Cuban troops in Africa, Russian troops in Afghanistan, and we ask what we can do about it."

Like the Republicans, however, Kennedy is finding it awfully hard to come up with policy alternatives substantially different from Carter's. In a Jan. 5 statement on Afghanistan, Kennedy called for restrictions on high-technology exports to the Soviet Union, renewed military aid to Pakistan, an improved intelligence-gathering capability, closer relations with China and a diplomatic offensive in the United Nations. Sound familiar?



### The skeleton in Bush's closet

The California Governor isn't the only kook running for President. Take George Bush, for example. Beneath his "clean conservative" image, Bush isn't much different from your average Moonie. The former CIA director belongs to one of the most elite secret societies in the US: Yale University's Skull & Bones.

Founded in 1832 on the model of the Rosicrucians, the Freemasons, and the ancient Babylonian and Egyptian cults, Skull & Bones draws its membership from the cream of the Anglo-American crop. Bush's fellow Skull & Boners include McGeorge Bundy, John

Lindsay, Averell Harriman and William Buckley among others. The society is housed in a mausoleum-like structure, where queer rites and strange rituals take place behind windowless walls. The entryway is adorned with a death's head, the society's symbol.

So jealously guarded are the cult's secrets that when a nonmember mentions Skull & Bones, any initiate present must immediately leave the premises. The society's members (who remain members for life—at least!) refer to outsiders as "gentiles" and "vandals" and communicate with one another in secret code—something which has completely confused the gentiles and vandals on Bush's own campaign staff.

### President Moonbeam?

Jerry Brown's campaign is taking on an increasingly bizzare character. According to a report on Brown's exotic image in the Jan. 8 *New York Times*:

"Californians are given to referring to their Governor as 'Governor Moonbeam.' ... When Governor Brown formally announced his candidacy in Washington on Nov. 7, for example, he said that the keystone of his campaign was an effort to 'protect the earth, serve the people and explore the universe.'

"Similarly, a few days later, the Governor's penchant for the unorthodox was reinforced when he called on the Indian Swami Mukhtanada at a conference at Boston.

"... People meet with Billy Graham, the Pope, the Archbishop of a Greek Orthodox Church. It's rather ethnocentric to say one religious group is more important than another. Islamic leaders should be met with. This planet is very small."