

## Elephants & Donkeys by Kathleen Klenetsky

### Washington Post uses EIR's material

In retaliation for the exposure of Dukakis's mental problems, the *Washington Post* launched a five-part profile on George Bush Aug. 7.

Ironically, the inaugural article focused on material which *EIR* published eight years ago (although the *Post* gave us no credit), namely, Bush's membership in, and continuing connection to, Skull & Bones, Yale's elite secret society.

*EIR*'s exposure of Bush's links to Skull & Bones, as well as to the Trilateral Commission, were instrumental in his loss to Ronald Reagan in the 1980 New Hampshire primary.

Written by Bob Woodward of Watergate fame, the article makes two main points:

- 1) George Bush was forced to reveal his innermost psychological and emotional concerns during his initiation into Skull & Bones.
- 2) George Bush has continuously placed a deep reliance on the Skull & Bones old boys network to advance his personal and political fortunes.

### Republicans compromise on the SDI

A fight within the Republican Party platform drafting committee has led to a compromise on the Strategic Defense Initiative.

The initial platform draft included language calling for SDI deployment "as soon as possible." But, at a meeting in New Orleans Aug. 9, the defense subcommittee proposed to strengthen the section to promise deployment either by 1992 or during the Bush administration.

Represented by former Texas Sen.

John Tower, Bush forces quickly moved to modify the subcommittee's position, and, by a 7-6 vote, got it to adopt a compromise. The draft now urges "rapid and certain" deployment of a strategic defense "as soon as technology permits."

### Dukakis proposal: Seize homes of elderly

Among other features of the flap over Dukakis's mental fitness, one of the leading ones is certainly his lack of human compassion. There is the meat he kept on display in his office when savaging the state budget; his indifference to his wife's drug habit; his indifference to his brother's suffering, and the euthanasia he committed against his brother.

Now we learn that last year, Governor Dukakis asked the Massachusetts legislature to endorse a proposal that would have allowed the state to seize the homes of elderly Massachusetts residents to pay for their nursing-home care costs.

Fortunately, the governor's measure was turned down.

"We found the proposal objectionable," state Rep. John Flood (D-Canton), chairman of the House tax committee, told *EIR*.

"First, it had very morbid overtones." It specified that a lien would be placed on the houses of those who were going into a nursing home for the last time.

"Imagine how that would make you feel," if you were one of those elderly so designated, Flood said.

Second, Flood said, "We believe that the elderly should not be penalized for needing nursing or medical care; this should be considered a social cost."

Many elderly have "scrimped and saved to own their own home, and in

many cases, it's their only legacy to their children," he pointed out. "For Dukakis to propose letting the state seize that legacy, is the final indignity."

The Dukakis proposal is just one more piece of evidence that the Duke has about as much human compassion as a meat cleaver.

### Mass. legislators: Dukakis should resign

A majority of Massachusetts state legislators believe that Michael Dukakis should resign as the state's governor while pursuing his presidential campaign.

Reporting on the results of a survey it conducted of the legislators, the Aug. 7 *Boston Globe* disclosed that a slight majority of Democrats and most Republicans think the governor should step down in the wake of receiving the Democratic nomination, on the grounds that he could not possibly handle the responsibilities of governing and at the same time pursue his presidential ambitions.

Deep misgivings about Dukakis's handling of the state's budget crisis apparently figured strongly in the legislators' decision. A majority of legislators responded "no" to a question which asked if they thought Dukakis generally followed through on his commitments—apparently reflecting widespread anger in the state house about Dukakis's handling of the 1989 Massachusetts budget, and specifically his vetoing of a \$91 million local aid package.

Rep. Kevin Blanchette, a Democrat who does not believe the governor should resign, told the *Globe* that the results mean that most of his colleagues don't think Dukakis can simultaneously run the state, and run for the White House.