

National News

Jackson Dems move to open up convention

A move is underway by Democratic Party circles favoring the nomination of Senator "Scoop" Jackson (D-Wa.) for the presidency to open up the August convention to allow for a Jackson candidacy. On June 3, William Lemieux, who worked for Senator Jackson in 1976 and coordinated the McCarthy campaign in 1968, announced in Milwaukee that he was the spokesman for a national group of Democrats determined to open up the convention. "We recognize that the President's support is titular," Lemieux declared in an interview. "The President's support is only from elected party officials, it's not people who are committed to him, so we will attempt to align with people who want to open up the convention." Once they get the convention opened up, Lemieux and his associates plan to put forth Senator Jackson's name in nomination.

According to Lemieux, 150 people are already organizing with him for an open convention in eight states including Wisconsin, California, Nevada, Florida, Illinois, Missouri, New York, and New Jersey. They are using Wisconsin as a test case to show the mood of the country. Already there are 35 people there working on this, contacting delegates and discussing with them the open convention. In the first day after the announcement of their activity, Lemieux's group got calls from six delegates in Illinois who stated that they agreed with the perspective of opening up the convention.

Although Jackson himself is declaring that he has not been in touch with the group and is not urging them on, he is clearly looking at the possibility of being a dark horse Democratic Party candidate. Two weeks ago he addressed the Cook County Democrats, declaring that the voters are frustrated and would not accept either Carter or Kennedy as a nominee.

Jackson himself is associated with that layer of the Democratic Party cen-

tered around the Coalition for a Democratic Majority, an organization that has focused particularly on the outrageous state of U.S. military capabilities. Precisely because he is aware of the lack of a U.S. military capability, Jackson recently denounced Carter as a "born again hawk" and attacked Carter's brinkmanship policies.

Falk controversy at Princeton

An Ad Hoc committee of Princeton Alumni to Investigate Falk, established in December, 1979 to look into the pro-Ayatollah Khomeini activities of Princeton University International Law Professor Richard Falk, has now become a central subject of controversy at Princeton.

The May 19, 1980 edition of the Princeton Alumni Weekly ran no less than five letters defending Falk against the charges of "treason" and "support for genocide" raised by the Ad Hoc Committee in an open letter earlier this year. One, by former Attorney-General Nicholas de B. Katzenbach, Chairman of the Trustee Committee on the Curriculum, expresses concern that Falk may "erode alumni support" for Princeton. Another, more hysterical in tone, calls for the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to Investigate the Ad Hoc Committee.

The repercussions of the anti-Falk initiative are rapidly spreading beyond Princeton. In its weekly "Press Clips" column, the ultra-liberal *Village Voice* ran a piece entitled "Witch Hunt at Princeton," which claims that the anti-Falk drive at Princeton has been written "in the idiom of the U.S. Labor Party" and wonders whether the *Alumni Weekly*—which has published scores of anti-Falk letters in the past months—"has become an outhouse publication of the USLP. Some suggest," the *Voice* continues, "that the USLP may have established a beachhead within the trustees of the university, who monitor the *Weekly* in the interest of campus security and

good taste All alumni should write to the president of the University and those trustees not yet pawns of the USLP and demand instant explanation," the *Voice* concludes.

The basis for the entire controversy is Prof. Falk's heavy involvement in "human rights" activities which, in some writings, he has admitted are directly connected to sponsorship of terrorist activities. He was directly involved in the overthrow of the Shah of Iran—the alumni committee saying he acted on behalf of the New York Council on Foreign Relations, of which he is a member. Falk is also a leader of anti-nuclear activists in the United States, and justified his aid to Ayatollah Khomeini on the argument that the Shah was introducing nuclear power to Iran. Falk says that any science and technology is "oppressive."

Washington Star prints the truth

In an amazing, though brief, moment of sanity, the editors of the *Washington Star* allowed an op-ed to be printed in their newspaper which candidly stated the fundamental dilemma facing America's ruling families today. The author of the article, one Carl Strass, described as "an attorney working in the field of natural resources," states that no matter how much the American "Olympians" may wish to lower U.S. living standards, they are faced with the dilemma that if they do so, they will be ensuring the rapid emergence of Soviet superiority in economic and military affairs globally. Strass explains it thus:

"There is a real constituency in the United States which is opposed to economic growth and is in favor of reducing the general American standard of living. This constituency consists of several diverse groups.

"First there are those people who for essentially religious reasons believe that a person is better off without large quantities of material possessions. ...Gov. Edmund G. Brown, Jr. is often thought of as a member of this group....

"Another group interested in lowering living standards are environmental elitists. These people have the time, money and equipment to spend weeks each year exploring woods, mountains, ... etc. They are opposed to any economic development which will reduce the size of their playground.

"They are also in favor of reducing the general national standard of living because there are too many people who use our woods and rivers

"A third group interested in a lower general standard of living ... [complains] that there was little benefit to being rich because you could not escape from ordinary people

"These groups are politically powerful and are well represented in the Carter administration. Their policies argue for a reduced industrial and economic base. We will produce less and consume less."

Here Strass introduces the kicker.

"The trouble with this view is that it leads to national weakness. History teaches that large industrial bases produce economic power, and economic power translates to military and political power ...

"We really have only two choices. We can pursue technological and industrial power, or we must accept both economic and political weakness

"If we reduce our economic base—for whatever reason—and allow others to be the economic powers of the future, we will also cease to be a power politically or militarily. New technology will mean new weapons, too.

"There is no reason to believe that we will be safe in a world where we are a full generation behind in any arm of technology."

Will Europe buy Ronald Reagan?

GOP presidential candidate Ronald Reagan has sent his top foreign policy adviser, Richard Allen, to Europe in an attempt to convince allied leaders that he won't launch a third world war if elected President.

The Jesuit-trained Allen, who has

been zealously boosting Christian Social Union leader Franz Josef Strauss's campaign to unseat West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt in the upcoming general elections, is hardly helping to modify Reagan's hard-line image. According to confidential sources, Allen stunned an audience of West German foreign policy experts in a private speech to the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung. Allen not only demanded that Europe immediately embark upon a major arms buildup—so it can "bargain with the Soviets from a position of strength," but also called on Europe to join the United States in fully exploiting the China card.

Both of these positions are viewed with great dismay in Europe. They could easily provoke the Soviets into a major military action.

Allen concluded his speech by blasting France's Mideast peace initiative, bluntly stating that Europe should meekly support any and all U.S. efforts in the Mideast.

Even before his arrival, Allen's mission was being greeted with great skepticism by most Europeans. As the June 9 edition of *Time* magazine reported: "A senior West German diplomat says that his government, while nearly fed up with the Carter administration's blunders and mixed signals, is 'apprehensive, to put it mildly' about the GOP leader."

Opposition to Mr. Reagan runs deep in West Germany. Although Helmut Schmidt has privately made many contemptuous remarks about James Earl Carter, he and most other politicians in Bonn, according to one source, "prefer the devil they know to the one they don't"—Mr. Reagan.

Allen's reception elsewhere is not expected to be much better. *Le Canard Enchaîné*, the French satirical newspaper, recently carried a cartoon consisting of a cutaway drawing of Mr. Reagan's and Mr. Carter's heads. Mr. Carter's head contains a peanut; Mr. Reagan's head is empty.

One indication of how Europe is reacting to Allen's tour: French state radio is giving big play to Reagan's latest blooper—a call for France to rejoin NATO.

Briefly

● **THE COMMITTEE** on the Present Danger, at its next meeting in Washington, will reportedly discuss the strategic implications of recent U.S. breakthroughs in research in thermonuclear fusion power. According to CPD sources, the group will also analyze how the U.S. should respond to the evidence of overwhelming Soviet superiority in mathematics and science education laid out in a just-released study by University of Chicago mathematician Isaac Wirszup. It should be an interesting debate. The group is largely restricted to persons who are Malthusian in outlook—opposing science and technology on principle—but equally arduous in seeking military superiority over the Soviet Union ... somehow.

● **MARY CRISP** the Republican National Committee co-chairman, has bolted the Republican Party and is throwing her weight behind the campaign of John Anderson. Crisp charged that "ideologues" were running the Reagan campaign. She stated that an Anderson victory in November is not "so far-fetched" because "this year is so volatile, so fluid, you can't predict."

● **REP. JOHN W. JENRETTE** (D-S.D.) is suing the Justice Department for \$11 million, charging the Department with "conspiring" to ruin his career with investigations including the so-called "Abscam" undercover probe. The Jenrette suit also accuses the Federal Bureau of Investigation of "malice and recklessness" in its undercover activities. Sources on Capital Hill have evaluated that Jenrette was hit by the Abscam scandal because of his pro-labor voting record and his staunch opposition to severe "energy conservation" legislation. His is the first real sign of fight against the Abscam/Brilab witch-hunt that entrapped Congressional leaders opposing administration policies.