



John Anderson: Aquarian candidate

by Kathleen Murphy

The mass gatherings we have seen in recent years, especially those organized by young people, impress me. . . . Some 400,000 young people gathered at Woodstock, New York, in August 1969, not so much to express dissent as to draw some human strength and personal meaning from each other. Some observers even said that Moratorium Day marches that same year in cities from Washington to San Francisco were more communal than political. . . .

—John Anderson in his 1970 autobiography, *Between Two Worlds: A Congressman's Choice*

John Anderson could be the lightning rod to attract all the energies of the Aquarian Conspiracy.

—William Whitsun, founder, Novus ("New Age"),

Last week, as Carter's political fortunes continued to plummet and factional strife beset the Reagan camp, the U.S. mass media launched a major campaign to sell John Anderson as the "alternative presidential candidate."

From the *New York Times* through the *Los Angeles Times* the line has been uniform: Anderson is "different" from Carter and Reagan. He's a brainy, politically courageous loner who's not afraid to "tell it like it is," or to demand the "necessary sacrifices" from the American people.

The media are now informing the electorate that Anderson is not simply a serious candidate, but, as the *Washington Post* put it on June 18 could actually win in November.

At the same time that Anderson is being boosted in the press, his operation is undergoing a major overhaul befitting his newly-acquired stature. The kookier elements of his campaign are being toned down—as this week's expulsion from the campaign of asparagus-growing, proterrorist philanthropist Stewart Mott indicates.

Anderson is personally making direct overtures to leading Democrats, including New York Governor Hugh Carey, as a way of seeming "above party politics."

While Anderson makes much of his campaign slogan, "Try the Anderson Difference," the facts of his candidacy make it clear that he is simply a worse variety of the Carter and Reagan disease. As both his program and his profile suggest, Anderson could aptly be described as the candidate of the so-called Aquarian Conspiracy, the movement launched by the Club of Rome and the Tavistock Institute to erase traditional American values of progress, and replace them with a "One World" feudal technocratic dictatorship dedicated to an era of permanent scarcity.

If Anderson were actually to occupy the White House, Americans might be spared the sight of "Woodstock Nation" reassembling on the White House lawn, but they would certainly witness a drastic increase in illegal drug use: Anderson is on record as saying that he is of "two minds on the question of marijuana . . . and may endorse changes in the existing antimarijuana statutes." NORML, the most influential prodrug lobby in the country, says Anderson is their current choice for the Oval Office.

The Anderson record

Some Washington pundits have dubbed Anderson "Carter without the smile." Like Carter, Anderson is a member of the Trilateral Commission. Both were recruited to this self-appointed policymaking elite founded by David Rockefeller, Henry Kissinger and Zbigniew Brzezinski. Anderson was also invited to enter the inner sanctums of the New York Council on Foreign Relations and the super-secret Bilderberg Society. Every significant legislative initiative he's undertaken has been a direct result of his participation in these organizations, and commitment to their strategy for a "post-industrial" society."

Those organizations' decision to run Anderson for president was taken with a view to the possibility that the elections could be thrown into the House of Representatives, precipitating a Constitutional crisis. A significant Anderson vote could lead to an "emergency government" above the Constitution, for what the Trilateral Commission's creators term "crisis management."

'Overhaul Congress'

In his 1970 autobiography, Anderson called for a complete change in American political institutions. "Ultimately," he wrote, "the only thing that will allow our political, social, economic and cultural institutions to survive in anything like their present form, will be far-reaching changes in their structure and operations. . . . We need to reform the institutions of our society, in both the governmental and non-governmental sectors. Let us lower the voting age to eighteen and bring participatory democracy to millions of young people. Let us overhaul the archaic machinery of Congress and make it more responsive to the wishes of the people."

Anderson has consistently sought to undermine the checks and balances system mandated by the Founding Fathers, to weaken the Office of the Presidency. Anderson advocates introducing Britain's parliamentary system in the United States, and permitting Congressional intrusion into the President's cabinet, claiming that this "could be a very useful experiment, even though we do not have a parliamentary system and even though [cabinet] people serve at the pleasure of the President, not of Congress."

Finally, Anderson can be held culpable for the existence of the Federal Election Commission. It was his legislation in 1974 that led to the creation of this monstrous bureaucracy, which helped the Trilateral Commission fix Jimmy Carter's election in 1976.

In the zero-growth vanguard

Lawfully, Anderson has been in the front lines of the movement for zero-growth and "small is beautiful." Anderson's insider position in the CFR allowed him to begin talking up the Club of Rome program even before it first publicly appeared in 1971.

As he wrote in his autobiography:

Only now are we beginning to realize that we have paid a very heavy price for what we call progress. We assumed that increased production was itself a desirable achievement. . . .

Perhaps more than anything else, we as a people need a new appreciation of our own relationship to the world of nature. . . . Now, in our times ecologists are discovering that far from dominating nature, man depends on a subtle natural balance of forces for his very survival. He cannot put himself

outside nature and continue to live.

We must be willing to admit that we are all polluters. We are despoiling our land and befouling our air and water. . . . If we are going to make any real progress to save our environment we will have to take steps both to limit our own numbers and to change our attitudes about man in nature and society. . . ."

'Born again'

Anderson's economic program, with its demands for massive energy cutbacks, a wage freeze, total deregulation of industry, a national Big MAC financial dictatorship in the form of a resurrected Reconstruction Finance Corporation, wage-reduction through indexing and other fascist measures, is entirely consistent with his "Born Again" fundamentalist outlook—which is defined by its rejection of the Bible's apostolic endorsement of science and technology as a matter of "Man's rightful dominion over nature."

anity" is not true religion, but an aspect of the Club of Rome's project for rewriting the Book of Genesis so that the injunction for man to have dominion over nature is reinterpreted as meaning that man should be a steward, or conservator, of nature. In other words, he should stop trying to improve the existing environment. Arguing for Christians to take the lead in the limits-to-growth ecology movement, Anderson is in fact a supporter of the anti-Christian cults and "counterculture" mysticism the Club of Rome has devoted much of its resources to promote. Anderson comments in his autobiography:

"I see no reason to deny the validity of the supernatural as the price that must be paid to take a sincere interest in the natural phenomena that operate in the sphere of our earthly existence," he writes in his autobiography. "Indeed we are currently witnessing a tremendous upsurge of interest in the occult, and even obscure forms of Oriental mysticism by many who are simultaneously very active in political causes which relate wholly to the material side of man's existence."

It is entirely possible that the CFR will ultimately decide to withdraw Anderson as a major contender or, alternately, use Anderson's candidacy to throw the election into the House leading possibly to the emergence of Walter Mondale as the new acting president. Nevertheless, his campaign will clearly have served as the focal point to organize a political movement, possibly even a third party, around the Aquarian Conspiracy program of zero growth and anti-science. As the *New York Times* editorialized last March 5 when it endorsed Anderson in the New York primary:

"America does need discipline; America does need to make sacrifices to protect vital national interests. By saying so, John Anderson may not be able to win the nomination but he can nonetheless win his point."