

his handling of U.S.-Soviet relations, declaring that Lebanon "is only the most immediate trouble spot."

Harriman went on to attack Reagan's plan to develop defensive beam-weapons systems: "Perhaps the most tragic trend," wrote Harriman, "is that the arms race is about to be launched into space. . . . The Reagan administration's 'Star Wars' defense scheme will mean more than the destruction of three solemn arms-control treaties. . . . It promises security that is beyond America's capability to provide and thus plays cruelly on the fear and the hope of every citizen. It promises a technological shield when the solution is in ourselves—in serious negotiation and mutual restraint."

Harriman's articles were reprinted in *L'Humanité*, the newspaper of the French Communist Party, which announced a major mobilization based on Harriman's ideas.

Mondale sounded the same theme in his foreign policy speech before the National Press Club today, even repeating Soviet spokesman Fyodor Burlatskii's demands in the Aug. 10 *Literaturnaya Gazeta* that the U.S. abandon efforts to develop a beam weapons anti-missile defense or risk a Soviet nuclear strike. Mondale laid out a 12-point "peace program," which included the demands that the U.S. 1) negotiate an ASAT (anti-satellite weapons) ban, and 2) reaffirm the ABM treaty.

"The President's Star Wars system will destroy the ABM treaty, which was the most successful in history," lied Mondale. "It will destabilize the military balance and would increase the danger of a Soviet first strike more than anything else."

According to columnist Joseph Kraft, Mondale's foreign-

policy speech today was planned months ago with input from defense saboteurs McGeorge Bundy, Harold Brown, James Schlesinger, and Warren Christopher.

### The Jackson-Mondale deal

Mondale's accolades for Jackson are a tip-off to the dirty little deal the two supposed opponents have worked out for themselves—over the corpse of U.S. foreign policy. It is now Washington's best-known secret that Jackson, who has no illusions that he could win the presidential nomination, has arranged with Mondale to deliver Jimmy Carter's Vice-President the black vote in exchange for some big political favors. In an interview Jan. 3, Rev. Lester Mondale, Walter's brother and an activist in his presidential campaign, reported that he is now pushing a Mondale-Jackson ticket (see box).

In his meeting with Syrian President Hafez Assad, Jackson was overheard telling the Syrian dictator that Reagan has "only one year left" in office—a line that can only harden Syrian intransigence. In its report on the meeting, the Syrian government's official outlet, Arab News Agency, quoted Jackson as saying that U.S. policy on the Middle East was "harmful to the real interests of the American people."

Meanwhile, Mondale-Jackson ally and former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark praised the Syrian-Jackson negotiations as an example of how much more effective "people-to-people" diplomacy is than the old-fashioned "government-to-government" kind. Clark developed his expertise in Middle Eastern affairs leading crowds of pro-Khomeini demonstrators through the streets of Teheran in 1979 while in Iran as an official emissary of the Carter-Mondale government.

## Mondale's brother calls for surrender to Soviets

Walter Mondale's brother, the Rev. Lester Mondale, provided some interesting insights into Fritz's philosophy in an interview Jan. 3. Reverend Mondale, a retired Unitarian minister who describes himself as being "extremely active" in his brother's presidential campaign, told *EIR* that he would prefer to see the Russians run the world than to have the United States use nuclear weapons.

"I am 100 percent against any resort to atomic weapons under any circumstances," he said. "If there is a war, it would be preferable to let the Soviets win than to try to counter them with nuclear weapons, even if this meant Russian world domination. If we had a nuclear war, there would be nothing left. But even if we had to survive under Russian rule for years, I believe that at some point, there would have to be a humanist renaissance. . . ."

Asked whether his brother thought the same way, Rev.

Mondale replied that "I really can't speak for him," but went on to assure the interviewer that "Fritz is horrified by the thought of nuclear war." The presidential candidate has been stressing in recent campaign statements his opposition to the use of nuclear weapons.

Reverend Mondale pointed to the political troubles that Jesse Jackson is stirring up for President Reagan's Lebanon policy, chortling about the "black eye" which the release of U.S. flier Goodman is giving to Reagan. "It's wonderful: Now Reagan has to meet with Jesse at the White House, after refusing to take his phone calls last week." The former Vice-President's brother reported that he is now championing a Mondale-Jackson ticket, so impressed is he by Jackson's "statesmanlike behavior" during his trip to Syria.

The Reverend also said he had had written an editorial expressing his view that Soviet domination is preferable to nuclear war for the September/October 1983 issue of the *Humanist* magazine, published by the American Humanist Association, with which he has been affiliated since its inception.