

Elephants and Donkeys by Kathleen Klenetsky

Candidate Jackson: Jonestown revisited

During the 1976 presidential campaign, associates of *EIR* founder Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. published a pamphlet titled "Carter and the Party of International Terrorism" which documented the terrorist connections and proclivities of important sections of the leadership of the Democratic Party around the Carter-Mondale candidacy.

Eight years later, not just Walter Mondale's operation (whose links to the Soviet KGB have been covered extensively in this magazine) but Jackson's campaign are adding new dimensions to this theme.

Reports from the West Coast say that in the past three weeks Jackson has completely reorganized his California campaign. As coordinator of his northern California campaign he has brought in Rev. Cecil Williams of Glide Memorial Church. Williams's career started way back when in the counterculture of Haight-Ashbury. Its highlights, included close connections to Jim Jones and his "People's Temple" before the transplantation to Jonestown. Williams, Jones, and Glide Memorial Church played an embarrassingly big role in getting out the vote for the Carter-Mondale ticket in '76. Jackson obviously means to be the man who cashes in on that "Big Vote" capability this time around. Yet only last December the Reverend Williams was a featured speaker at Mondale's big campaign California fundraiser; apparently Jackson beat out some high-powered competition for the Reverend's services.

In the Jackson campaign orbit in California as well are operations like "Burning Spear," the "African Socialist Party," which had ties to the late Maurice Bishop of Grenada. At the time of the U.S. intervention into

Grenada last fall, Burning Spear was activated against the U.S. operation, which they denounced as an imperialist war crime—a position they shared with Jackson backers like California congressman Ron Dellums, whose staff appeared on Radio Havana to say the same thing.

At the Democratic state convention in Oakland a couple of weeks back, "Burning Spear" unfurled banners charging the Democratic Party leadership with being "rich capitalists." All but Jesse, that is.

To Syria, to Nicaragua: Jesse the diplomat

Jackson's credibility as Man of the People grows the farther you get from these shores. In mid-February the Soviet- and Cuban-linked Sandinista government of Nicaragua invited Jackson, fresh from his "diplomatic" coup in Syria, to attend the anniversary celebration of its accession to power. Deflecting the press with the somewhat peculiar analogy that "going to Moscow for Andropov's funeral didn't tie Bush to a communist government," Jackson is still debating whether to attend.

Jackson has friends in other places. Some of his Arab connections are unsavory, to say the least. Ten thousand dollars from Libya's mad Muammar Qaddafi, whose country is an entrepôt and training ground for Soviet-, Swiss-, and Nazi-linked terrorists. And \$200,000—half to PUSH, half to PUSH-Excel—from the Arab League, whose representative at the U.N. is the mercenary Clovis Maksoud. The Arab League includes among its members Libya, the PLO, and Syria, among others.

In mid-January Saudi Arabia's quasi-government newspaper *Al-Jazirah*—which should certainly know better, as should the Saudi government itself—urged all Arabs and sym-

pathizers to do whatever they could to give a leg up to Jackson and his presidential aspirations.

The article advised on legal methods of moving Arab money into the Jackson camp and hailed Jackson as a true friend of oppressed peoples. Really! First of all, anyone who dances cheek to cheek with Muammar Qaddafi is supporting genocide against Chad and scarcely qualifies as a friend of the oppressed. And ask yourself about the integrity of the man who a few weeks back, meeting with Third World diplomats at the United Nations, had the gall to tell them that he, too, had been "born under apartheid" and that he, too, had been oppressed. Where? In America.

At the same time, the U.S. press was reporting that Jesse makes over \$150,000 per annum, placing him solidly in the top 1 percent of U.S. earners. His various front groups, like PUSH and PUSH-Excel, are certainly funded by Arab money; however, their biggest funder remains the government of the United States—through poverty programs left over from LBJ's "Great Society."

Jackson's friends include Louis Farrakhan's "New Nation of Islam." Farrakhan accompanied Jackson on his recent mission to Damascus. A year and a half ago, observers at a Gary, Indiana meeting of the New Nation (which was greeted by the city's Mayor Richard Hatcher, now a big noise in the Jackson campaign) had analyzed the Farrakhan operation as primarily a terrorist capability.

To complete the picture, there are plenty of Republican operators who see Jackson as an election-year asset. Some say Republican money too is flowing in, with the understanding that Jackson will do his utmost to torpedo Mondale.

A word of caution to those investing in Jackson: The man who has been bought by everyone may turn out to be beholden to none.