

## Elephants and Donkeys by Kathleen Klenetsky

### Democratic Party 'peace' plank: 'Made in Moscow'

The Democratic Party is seriously considering including a so-called peace plank in its 1984 presidential platform which bears all the earmarks of having been "made in Moscow."

The four-point plank enjoins the Democratic presidential candidate to "make the reduction of the nuclear war threat the paramount goal of his government," and mandates him to launch the following initiatives upon his inauguration: a "quick freeze" on nuclear weapons production and deployments; a "prompt summit" with Soviet leaders to work out treaties for a comprehensive nuclear weapons freeze; a spending halt on the MX missile and other weapons systems; and an immediate effort to end the "arms race in space."

The plank was cooked up by some of the most extreme world-federalist, KGB-tainted networks in the Democratic Party. Its main sponsors are Sen. Alan Cranston (D-Calif.), who was going to make it the central thrust of his presidential campaign until he was forced out of the race, and former presidential science adviser Jerome Wiesner. On June 11, Wiesner distinguished himself by joining with his fellow MIT pseudo-scientist, Henry Kendall, and Democratic National Committee boss Charlie Manatt, to denounce the Reagan Administration's Strategic Defense Initiative as a "radical and extreme provocation" of the poor Russians.

Other people involved in formu-

lating the "Wiesner-Cranston" plank, as it is known, include the dean of the Eastern Establishment, McGeorge Bundy, who was recently praised by *Izvestia* for his courageous denunciations of "Star Wars"; "nuclear winter" scenarist Carl Sagan; George Kennan; Arms Control Association president Herbert Scoville; and Jerome Grossman, head of the Council for a Liveable World (CLW).

The CLW, which describes itself as carrying on the work of Bertrand Russell and Leo Szilard, is now serving as the base of operations for a campaign to get the plank included in the party platform. According to Roger Landrum, who is coordinating the campaign from the CLW's Washington legislative office, the plan is to line up support from platform committee members first, and then start working on the convention delegates proper.

Landrum says that Manatt has given the effort "an open door," and that Ian Kalitski, the Ted Kennedy staffer who is currently in charge of drafting the foreign- and defense-policy planks of the party platform, has been "extremely responsive." That is no doubt partly due to the fact that Senator Kennedy was an early endorser of the plank.

As for Hart, Mondale, and Jackson—they have all written letters endorsing the essence of the plank's four points. Cranston is so confident of their support that he has notified platform committee chair Rep. Geraldine Ferraro (D-N. Y.) that he expects the three stooges to arrive at a consensus on his plank momentarily.

The CLW's Landrum recently revealed that the "peace plank" may have received input from the same expert advisers who have shaped as much of the other anti-defense legislation now in Congress: namely, the KGB. Asked if the plank had been discussed with the Soviets, Landrum replied: "I know there was an effort seven or eight months ago to run [the plank] past [Georgii] Arbatov, and Cranston was

considering going to the Soviet Union before the [Democratic] convention to run it by people there."

### Hart at the Pentagon?

Consistent with the total betrayal of national interest in the Democratic leadership are rumors about what Mondale will offer Hart in exchange for his endorsement. The latest scuttlebutt on Capitol Hill has it that while Mondale plans to put Texas Sen. Lloyd Bentsen in the vice-presidential slot (a not unexpected choice), he is going to offer Gary Hart the Pentagon!

This has nothing to do with "party unity." Mondale apparently believes Hart to be qualified for the post on the basis of his Senate record; as a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Hart has strenuously fought against the MX, strategic defense, and other military systems which the Kremlin doesn't like.

### Ted Kennedy: Out of the closet?

Senator Ted Kennedy kept a noticeably low profile during the Democratic primary campaign, but that phase has ended. On June 13, Kennedy appeared at a fundraiser for former New York Deputy Mayor Basil Patterson, who will probably soon challenge Ed Koch in the city's 1985 mayoralty race. Kennedy's speech was carefully crafted: For example, he attacked Louis Farrakhan—the Jesse Jackson backer who has praised Adolf Hitler—but praised Jackson himself. A few days earlier, New York governor Mario Cuomo suggested that Kennedy keynote the Democratic convention. These developments come as Establishment media pundits like Joseph Kraft and James Reston are warning that the Democrats will surely lose in November if Mondale heads the ticket—provoking a new round of speculation that Kennedy could emerge as a "dark horse" candidate.