

The deeper level of the Ferraro scandals

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Geraldine Ferraro's decision to renege on her promise to release her husband's tax returns precipitated a major crisis for the Democratic presidential ticket the week of Aug. 13. With her announcement, the major American media suddenly seized upon the massive scandal surrounding Ferraro and her slum- and smut-lord husband, New York real-estate speculator John Zaccaro.

The Republican Party, which had heretofore tiptoed around, snatched it up with unconcealed delight. A Washington attorney, John Banzhaf, announced he would ask for a special prosecutor to investigate Ferraro's finances. About the only person to be found publicly defending Ferraro was Walter Mondale—but even he desperately tried to distance himself from his hand-picked vice-president, putting out word that he felt “shocked and betrayed” by Ferraro's actions.

As now widely reported, the Ferraro scandal ranges from Zaccaro's ties to the mob's pornography operations; through Ferraro's consistent refusal to report her husband's business operations, as required by law, in her financial disclosure forms, to apparent lying about past illegal campaign contributions.

But the real scandal is far more repugnant than any of this. Ferraro's links to a smut operation which features sado-masochism and bestiality just symptomize the moral degeneration which has infected the party ever since the Harriman liberals took control. Even if Ferraro is forced to withdraw, that will in no way remove the stench enveloping the party.

The “Playboy philosophy” climate of anything-goes hedonism which has led to the current epidemic of child molestation, “kiddie porn,” and sex kidnappings sweeping the U.S.A. is directly related to the policies advocated by Mondale, Ferraro, and their wing of the party.

That is nowhere more evident than in the Democratic Party's 1984 platform. Under the guiding hand of Mondale and the chairman of the 1984 Democratic Party Platform Committee, Gerry Ferraro, the party has embraced a “right-to-sodomy” plank, which states in part:

“All groups must be protected from discrimination based on . . . sex, or sexual orientation. We will support legislation to prohibit discrimination in the workplace based on sexual orientation. We will assure that sexual orientation per se does not serve as a bar to participation in the military. . . . And we will ensure that foreign citizens are not excluded from this country solely on the basis of their sexual orientation.”

This plank goes way beyond a simple statement of sup-

port for civil rights for homosexuals. It clearly indicates that *no job, including that of teacher or child-care worker*, should be closed to a homosexual or lesbian—despite massive evidence that homosexual teachers are far more likely to seduce their charges than heterosexual ones. In fact, the wording of this part of the platform doesn't exclude pederasty either. The recent disclosure of widespread child molestation at day-care centers in New Jersey, New York, and California shows the levels of depravity the “Playboy philosophy” enshrined in the Democratic Party platform will legalize.

The NAMBLA link

Platform chairman Ferraro, who has assiduously courted the “gay” vote, worked closely with homosexual and lesbian representatives on the plank. One of the organizations which played a crucial role in its drafting is the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF), a New York-based sex-perversion “civil rights” coalition.

HRCF's membership includes members of the North American Man-Boy Love Association (NAMBLA)—a pedophile organization which preaches “sex before eight, or else it's too late” and distributes literature instructing child abusers how to sexually abuse children.

Founded by members of the Socialist Workers Party in collusion with the Institute for Policy Studies—a key part of Mondale's support apparatus which functions as a conduit between the Mondale-Ferraro camp and the Kremlin—NAMBLA members have been arrested on charges of kidnapping children as young as two years.

Nevertheless, some of Democratic Party's biggest names sponsored the HFRC's first gala fundraiser, held in New York in November 1982. Among the politicians who publicly supported the event were Minneapolis Mayor Donald Fraser, host of a May 1983 conference which brought together KGB officers and Mondale insiders to plot the destruction of the U.S. beam weapon program, and New York Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan. To make it quite clear that the affair had the party's support, Mondale delivered the keynote address, praising the HFRC for its work and pledging his loyalty to its cause.

Although Mondale would no doubt claim he is unaware of NAMBLA's involvement in the HRCF, he himself has refused to reject a move, favored by NAMBLA and other child molesters, to lower the age of sexual consent. Asked explicitly about this proposal at a press conference in December 1983, Mondale said that he would have to think about it before answering!

We are not arguing that homosexuals should be persecuted or denied their civil rights; simply that such individuals are suffering from a form of mental illness. There has been an ongoing, orchestrated campaign to justify acute emotional infantilism as an “alternative life style.” This campaign is as much a part of the oligarchy's drive to weaken the United States' will to fight for its republican traditions as the drug craze, rock music, and the nuclear-freeze movement.