

## Elephants & Donkeys by Kathleen Klenetsky

### Dole, and Moscow's favorite businessman

Although Sen. Robert Dole's presidential ambitions got a boost from the fact that Irangate has tainted his chief rival, George Bush, the Kansas Republican may soon face some tough questioning himself about his close association with agro-businessman Dwayne Andreas, whose role in Washington's "soybean war" against U.S. allies was documented in *EIR*'s last issue.

Chief executive officer of the multibillion-dollar Archer Daniels Midland Corp. (ADM), Andreas was recently hailed by the *Wall Street Journal* as the man most likely to inherit Armand Hammer's mantle as "Moscow's favorite American businessman."

There's a lot for Moscow to love about Andreas. For starters, he has been one of the most avid promoters of selling American goods—cheap—to the Soviet Union, since he first visited the old sod back in 1952. Since then, he's established close ties with a wide array of Soviet bigwigs, including Mikhail Gorbachov, who frequently takes pains to express his admiration for the "Soybean King."

When Andreas became co-chairman of the U.S.-U.S.S.R. Trade and Economic Council in 1982, he used the post to lobby the Reagan administration to moderate its opposition to extending East-West trade, and has advocated letting the Soviets join the IMF-World Bank.

Second, Andreas wields tremendous political clout, by virtue of his intimate political connections with top leaders in both major parties. Andreas played a key role in engineering Hubert Humphrey's political career—

which puts him in the same social-democratic network which gave rise to Project Democracy, the "parallel government" which lies at the heart of the Iran-Contra affair.

Andreas helped get Jimmy Carter elected, was best buddies with former House Speaker Tip O'Neill, and now pals around with Bob Strauss, the former Democratic National Committee chair, who recently joined the ADM board.

Andreas's links to the Democrats have not prevented him from being on equally friendly terms with the big-cheeses of the Republican Party, dating back to Tom Dewey and Nelson Rockefeller. He's also tight with certain Reagan administration insiders—notably USIA director Charles Wick, who shares his views on U.S.-Soviet relations. These connections got him elected head of the President's Council on Private-Sector Initiative.

### Does Andreas own Robert Dole?

While Andreas spends lavishly on political candidates, Bob Dole probably ranks as the Republican who has benefited most, at least in recent years, from Andreas's political patronage.

As of Jan. 31, 1987, the Andreas family and the Archer-Daniel-Midlands PAC, had donated over \$15,000 to Dole's senatorial and presidential campaign committees, more than to any other member of Congress.

The two men are on such close personal terms, that they spend New Year's Eve together.

In 1983, Dole took three free trips on ADM airplanes to Midwest speaking engagements. Also, for the last three years, ADM and Mobil Oil have co-sponsored "Face-Off," a daily three-minute radio sham-debate between Dole and Sen. Ted Kennedy, which is distributed to more than 160

stations and has given both men tremendous public exposure.

Dole has returned the favor. ADM has been trying to develop its gasohol products into a major industry, but has been somewhat stymied because of Brazilian gasohol imports which are underselling ADM's domestically produced product. Dole just happens to be the chief sponsor of a bill that would impose a tariff on the Brazilian imports.

In 1985, Dole sponsored legislation that gave considerable tax benefits to gasohol producers.

Does Andreas own Dole? It's a good question. And it should be answered before more gullible conservatives get taken in by Dole's sudden conversion from being the Republican senator most responsible for persuading President Reagan to cut the defense budget, to Capitol Hill's ostensibly biggest foe of arms-control and champion of the SDI.

### Is Kemp really for the SDI?

Speaking of gullible conservatives, Rep. Jack Kemp has managed to attract a number of retired military officers behind his presidential bid. Presumably, the attraction is to Kemp's supposedly strong stand on defense.

Kemp has actually lined up with the Heritage Foundation-High Frontier network, which is loudly demanding that the SDI funding be shifted away from allegedly exotic technologies, like lasers and particle beams, which hold the most promise for a comprehensive defense, into "mature" kinetic-kill technologies.

According to defense aide Michelle Van Cleave, Kemp rationalizes this position by claiming that the administration will have to come up with some kind of workable system fast to keep support.