

GOP Dumb Bunnies Join Effort To Stop Geneva

As the Jimmy Carter Administration battles with the Fabian liberal Democrats and the "Kvetch Lobby" over a Middle East peace settlement, an incongruous element has been introduced by the presence of a bunch of dumb-bunny Republican conservatives in the Fabian liberal camp, doing everything they can to prevent a Geneva convention in the interest of what they imagine to be a great opportunity to play politics at the Administration's expense — irrespective of the best interests of the nation and the world. Reportedly, Henry Kissinger has a great deal to do with this alliance between Fabian fascists and Republican opportunists.

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This new working relationship was responsible for Senator Howard Baker's outlandish address to the World Jewish Congress on Nov. 1. "The U.S. is playing Russian roulette with Israel," Baker declared. "I don't want to see Israel sacrificed on the altar of American foreign policy. I'm concerned about the Soviets being brought back in. What's the advantage of it?"

Senator Lowell Weicker (R-Conn.) echoed Baker the following day, in a speech before the Women's League for Conservative Jews in New York City. Weicker accused President Carter of pursuing a policy that is pro-Arab and which will end in the destruction of Israel.

The Middle East war lobby, of course, has been playing on these dumb-bunny Republicans' backward anti-Soviet tendencies, while also telling them that the Jewish community is up in arms against Carter and will respond to Republicans who come out strongly for Israel. "I think the Republicans are talking and getting down to business," declared a Washington lobbyist for a leading

Jewish organization. "If things continue as they have been, there will be more contact between Jews and the Republican Party. And if they field strong candidates, they will get even 50 percent of the Jewish vote."

The result is that numbers of Republicans have been addressing Jewish organizations and coordinating their policy statements with them. Republicans have been meeting with the Anti-Defamation League and the Republican National Committee is talking with the American Jewish Committee, according to one former Republican National Committee executive. "There will be more of these speeches made by Republicans, because the Republicans are making a concerted effort to speak before Jewish groups," declared an Anti-Defamation League official.

The Republicans are after Jewish votes, and Jewish money as well. The recent spate of Republican speeches may well explain why the money flowing into the Republican National Committee suddenly leaped to \$800,000 a month from \$450,000 just before the joint U.S.-Soviet statement.

The Coalition for a Democratic Majority, led by leading Democratic warhawks Senators Moynihan and Jackson, has been pretty open about prodding Republicans into action. According to a Coalition source, there have been bipartisan meetings on the Hill to discuss opposition to the Administration. And Coalition director Ben Wattenberg is known to be talking to Republicans at the Republican-dominated American Enterprise Institute, where he is now working. "It's a real problem for Carter if the Republicans agree with our wing of the Democratic Party," chortled a Coalition member.

Not surprisingly, those Republicans pandering to a Jewish vote are admirers of Henry Kissinger. Kissinger has been up on the Hill talking to Republicans and convincing them that the Carter policy is totally misguided,

John Connally: New Threat To Fabian Democrats

Texas Republican John Connally last week continued his high-profile campaigning for Republican candidates around the country, sounding a battle cry of "growth, optimism, and progress." His tight schedule of speaking engagements — 19 in 29 days in October — brought the 1980 Presidential aspirant before conservative Republicans, particularly in the Ronald Reagan camp, who previously were not "sold" on Connally's industrial growth thrust but now seem to be changing their minds.

The following are excerpts from a speech given by Mr.

Connally in Salt Lake City before the Western Republican National Committee

The Democrats are saying no to the future of progress, the growth of this nation...no to the advanced technology which means so much to this nation and the world...we've retrenched from space exploration...The President has even abolished the Office of Science and Technology in the White House itself... They said no to economic growth...Carter calls for conservation, not

greater production. He said no to the fast breeder reactor...

Agriculture is not in a recession, it's in a depression. What we as Republicans have to do is to develop a whole new marketing concept for agriculture; the world needs what we produce...They've even said no to efficient farming... The great hope for peace and prosperity around the world is the ability of American farmers to produce and feed the world...They said no to the American cattlemen as well...

There are no incentives for modernizing plants and equipment in this country. They said no to economic freedom in this country...The GOP will have to mean growth, optimism, and progress...a new spirit of cooperation and partnership between business and labor.

Fusion power: ...it is the great hope of this nation...

The American Revolution was different from any other revolution that's taken place...It was established for the first time that men had a right to make their own decisions to use the inventiveness of a creative mind.

What They Said About Connally

"All of New Mexico is sewn up for Connally. He's a real statesman. He is dedicated to real economic development and progress."

— *Republican National Committeewoman from New Mexico.*

"I'm looking at him (Connally) myself."

— *Member, Utah State RNC, and State Steering Committee for Ronald Reagan.*

"I didn't think I'd like you (Connally), but today I fell in love with you."

— *Member, Utah Republican National Committee*

"Connally has the ability to not only analyze the problems facing this country but the solutions. Even more important, he has the guts to draw out the creative ability of the population to solve these problems through science and technology."

— *Republican Party leader, Texas*

Jawboning An Energy 'Compromise'

After weeks of lackluster debate on Carter's energy plan, the Senate finally passed an energy tax bill Oct. 31, substituting a \$40 billion tax incentive program for the system of punitive taxes advocated by the President and already approved by the House.

Even before the vote, a House-Senate conference

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committee began meeting to reconcile differences between the two radically opposed versions of the energy bill, but no progress has been reported to date. Washington insiders predict a "spirit of compromise" will prevail, resulting in a counterproductive mishmash of what is already universally regarded as a legislative fiasco.

Defining the parameters of the congressional debate have been the so-called liberals demanding more taxes on industry and the conservatives insisting on more incentives for industry. The resulting jawboning has blocked the emergence of any competent energy program for the rapid utilization of existing fossil fuel resources and the development of nuclear technologies. As the debaters have more or less publicly acknowledged, such a program does not now exist in Congress and their activities are not designed to bring it into being. Instead, the antagonists have used the energy issue to score demagogic points with "the folks back home" with an eye to the 1978 elections. Such irrespon-

sible politicking has undermined efforts by Carter and Senate Finance committee chairman Russell Long, the Senate floor manager for the bill, to strike a compromise.

Throughout the Senate's political jousting last week, Long fought to maintain and enhance his authority to negotiate an energy bill with the House conferees by horsetrading taxes and incentives. At the heart of the trade-off is the tax on crude oil which the House passed and the Senate Finance Committee rejected. Long has indicated his willingness to accept a tax if the revenues are ploughed into energy production, rather than recycled back to the consumer as rebates, as provided for by the House.

An unholy alliance of conservatives and liberals unsuccessfully joined hands to deny Long such "flexibility." Accusing Long of acting as an agent of the "greedy" oil producers, Senator Jackson, seconded by Fabian colleagues Kennedy and Humphrey, introduced an amendment designed to preclude a deal and insure that all tax revenues were rebated to the consumer; meanwhile conservative opportunists like presidential aspirant Robert Dole floated an amendment to preclude Senate consideration of any tax on crude oil.

Both amendments were defeated, as the Senate passed a hodge-podge of proposals for consideration by the conference committee. Among them was an energy trust fund to provide \$400 million a year in so-called excess tax revenues from the crude oil tax for ploughback investments into alternative energy forms, conservation, and energy-efficient forms of transportation, and a tax credit