

## U.S. REPORT

# Is Kennedy a viable candidate?

*The Senator's supporters back off from a confrontation on the issues*

In a stunning reflection of the weakness of Ted Kennedy's political standing in the key primary state of New Hampshire, the head of the Kennedy '80 Committee there last week called on the Senator to maintain a low profile until the Democratic National Convention so as not to be politically destroyed by other candidates. Kennedy '80 Committee head Murray Onigman declared that Kennedy should "wait until the convention [to announce] because then he could run against only one person, the Republican nominee." Otherwise, Onigman warned, Kennedy would be challenged on issues and policies by numerous contenders which "could cost him the election."

This assessment of Kennedy's political clout made by the head of one of New Hampshire's two draft-Kennedy groups, was covered Sept. 15 as a front-page story in the *Manchester Union Leader*.

The Onigman statement reflects a broad and well grounded fear that Kennedy cannot bear the light of public scrutiny on issues by the voters. Kennedy-allied candidates in both Hartford and New Haven, Connecticut were defeated across the board in primaries two weeks ago. Kennedy associate Joe Tumulty, a Boston Democratic mayoral candidate was heard to exclaim: "Geez, what happened? It was a total rout." Moreover, pointing to concern over Chappaquiddick and the Senator's dalliance with model Suzy "Chapstick" Chaffee, leading British newspapers have attacked Kennedy in the strongest terms as morally unfit to be President.

Kennedy is further plagued by the fact that he and his backers are on intimate terms with the organizers of an Oct. 6 demonstration at the Seabrook, N.H. nuclear construction site, which is planned to be a violent

occupation of the site. Around this issue in particular, Kennedy's backers up to the level of the New York Council on Foreign Relations very much fear a head-to-head confrontation of Kennedy with independent candidate Lyndon LaRouche, who has the most active and vigorous campaign apparatus of anyone in New Hampshire.

Fielding up to 40 full-time organizers a day, the Citizens for LaRouche apparatus has had a broad impact in shaping the climate in the nation's first primary state. And, over the past two weeks it has been feeding information to not only the electorate, but dozens of state law enforcement officials on the Kennedy connection to the terrorist activities planned at Seabrook.

The problem now for the Council on Foreign Relations Committee nexus running Kennedy is how to retool the candidate and reshape their campaign strategy to sell him. Thus, formerly outspoken proponents of an early and active announced Kennedy candidacy are suddenly switching their line. House Speaker Tip O'Neill, a longtime Kennedy family associate, who last week declared that Kennedy could not be denied the Democratic Party nomination once he decided to run, suddenly backtracked this week, even to the point of praising President Carter. Leading Midwest Democratic Party officials revealed that O'Neill's strong pro-Kennedy moves had made it hard for him to control Democratic Congressmen who fear losing elections if they run on a ticket headed by Kennedy.

Over the past several days numerous Democratic-Party linked columnists have speculated on exactly how "liberal fabian" Kennedy can be remolded for sale to

conservative electorates like that in New Hampshire. Syndicated columnist Joseph Kraft expressed the thinking of many in a column Sept. 13, declaring that Kennedy would have to shed his radical image or he would never get the nomination. New York financial analyst Eliot Janeway, closely tied to the Lazard Freres investment house, speculated that Kennedy would "become a hawk. He will move to the center." This image-making started in the Senate yesterday when Kennedy dropped his liberal opposition to a military buildup and instead voted to support an increase in defense budget funding.

The strong showing for the LaRouche campaign in New Hampshire is sending shivers throughout the Republican camp as well. Both John Connally and Ronald Reagan, who had not been expected to personally campaign in the state for many weeks, are both high-tailing it to New Hampshire this month.

### **Dirty tricks launched**

While they are rethinking their campaign strategy for New Hampshire, the Kennedy camp is turning to dirty tricks operations to contain the LaRouche organizing. Leading figures in the Zionist-organized crime network that intersect the Kennedy camp are known to have threatened scandals against the *Manchester Union Leader* should that newspaper cover the LaRouche charges of Kennedy's ties to the terrorist anti-Seabrook groups. They are also trying to prevent adequate police preparations to handle the Seabrook demonstrations. At the same time key press conduits for the CFR, such as the *New York Times*, are completely blacking out the most active presidential campaign in the state in their New Hampshire coverage.

Other Kennedy connected figures are resorting to a line of slanders against LaRouche. One Manchester, New Hampshire man involved with the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith is telling people that "LaRouche is anti-Semitic. They are not dangerous now but if they get hundreds to their meetings they will be." All that the Draft-Kennedy group headed by Dudley W. Dudley can say about the most visible and alive organizing in the state is a lame protest that "LaRouche will not do well in the New Hampshire primary."

—Barbara Dreyfuss

## **Kennedy's Seabrook terrorism connections**

Part of the evidence of Kennedy machine sponsorship of the planned, violent demonstration at the Seabrook nuclear site Oct. 6 is the following, which is being circulated throughout New Hampshire in a special report circulated by the campaign organization of independent candidate Lyndon LaRouche.

- In New Hampshire itself, Dudley Dudley, state chairwoman of the "Draft Kennedy" organization, was organizing for a fundraiser for the environmentalist terrorists—until last week. The fundraiser is still scheduled for late September, with one of the sponsors being the New Hampshire Energy Coalition, of which Ms. Dudley is a leader.

- William Winpisinger, one of the earliest public supporters of Kennedy's candidacy, is actively building for the Oct. 6 demonstration. Winpisinger, the president of the International Association of Machinists, organized the endorsement of the Kennedy candidacy by the Americans for Democratic Action. Through the Citizens/Labor Energy Coalition, Winpisinger is building for Seabrook. The featured speaker at the founding conference of the coalition was—Ted Kennedy.

- Morris Abram, the first Council on Foreign Relations member to endorse Kennedy, is a major funder of the environmentalist groups planning Seabrook.

- The Seabrook demonstration is being built by a series of LSD rock and roll concerts sponsored by the MUSE (Musicians United for Safe Energy) Foundation. The attorney for the foundation is David Lubell, who is associated with the San Juan Racing Association and the Shenandoah Corporation, both heavily involved in drug-related crime circles in the Democratic Party sponsoring the Kennedy presidential bid.