

Campaign 1980 by Kathleen Murphy



Anderson and Brown: The candidates of Aquarius

In an editorial April 9, the *Washington Post* labelled John B. Anderson "The Jerry Brown of 1980." In so doing, the *Post* admitted this year's presidential campaign has been used largely to push the policies described in the recently released book, "The Aquarian Conspiracy"—the creation of a "new age" in which scientific progress is replaced by mystical kookery.

Brown's recently deceased presidential bid is now to be re-directed into efforts to "turn California into something of a laboratory for his futurist ideas with an eye to seeking the Presidency again four years hence," the *New York Times* reported Apr. 6.

In his presidential bid, Brown has noted, he has been "building a very strong foundation" for "quietly taking those ideas that when I started were on the margin of public consciousness and moving them to the center of public attention." Among these are solar energy, small hydroelectric instal-

lations, and "better labor-management cooperation in the interest of productivity."

"All of these things are ideas that I have preached and now I have come home to practice them in California," Brown announced.

According to the *Times*, Brown will "continue to be helped by some members of a group ... called Novus," which is an abbreviated name for the Latin translation of "new order of the ages." Novus works with the New York-based Institute for a New Age, a command-center for the "Aquarian Conspiracy" networks.

The *Times'* Tom Wicker on Apr. 6, freely speculated on the interrelation of John Anderson to this kookery. In a piece called "Looking Into the Future," Wicker praised Anderson, calling upon him to defer in his third-party considerations to the Citizens Party. Wicker praised the Citizens Party as a "serious, well-organized effort dedicated to the sort of progressive 'new politics' Mr. Anderson himself espouses. ... The environmentalist scientist Mr. Commoner (the Citizens Party candidate for President—ed.) has shown himself in numerous forums to be an articulate advocate of some innovative approaches to...energy, the economy, and declining productivity."

Reagan: out of the closet behind Henry Reuss?

According to a top economic policy adviser to Ronald Reagan, "we will defer an economic policy speech for some time. Why bother to rush it?" The adviser justified this on the basis of Reagan having the election "sewn up" because of Jimmy Carter's bungling. But *EIR* learned from a Washington insider this week another explanation: Reagan is a strong backer of the

corporatist (i.e., fascist) economic restructuring proposals of Wisconsin Congressman Henry Reuss and does not want his conservative base to know this.

"Governor Reagan is secretly behind Reuss's document, 'Economic Restructuring for the 1980s,' which the Congressman advanced last month. But the Reagan campaign can't come out for that type of left-wing economics [sic] openly. We just couldn't afford it politically," said the aide. "Reuss says he wants to restructure the entire U.S. economy to increase industrial production."

In Reuss's restructuring policy, all the "unprofitable" industry—auto, steel, etc.—should scrap their productive assets except those selected defense production, for example. Those left, said a Reuss aide, should be, "restructured around labor-industry-government boards (i.e., "corporatism" as developed by Mussolini's dictatorship—ed.) which, through a new Department of Trade and Industry, would run the whole economy."

From the standpoint of top-level ideological controllers within the Reagan camp, the Reagan candidacy is intended to *implement* the Reuss plan through a "cult of America" which would come on the crest of a "sweep of fundamentalist religious fervor."

One such advisor waxed enthusiastic in an interview April 9 in which he echoed the recent *London Economist* cover story that "America is being swept by Fundamentalist revivals." "Reagan is the man who will sweep to power on the crest of religious fervor," he stated. "Who will be critical of politics and appeal to religious values. Only this can prepare the American population for the crises of the 1980s and for confronting the Soviet Union."