

Wall Street's Ventriloquists Control Democratic Party

April 16 (IPS)—The domestic and foreign policy positions of all the contenders for the Democratic presidential nomination are virtually identical for no accidental reason. All of the Mickey-Mouse contenders enjoy the "advice" of the same advisors; all of the advisors enjoy employment by the same groupings of Wall Street financiers at the same so-called "think-tanks." This group of "expert" ventriloquists occupies virtually all important positions on the party's foreign policy, domestic policy and other task forces. Regardless of who becomes the Democratic candidate, these "experts" will write the "platform" on which the candidate will campaign and will put the words into the candidate's mouth. The policy of the "official" Democratic Party is thus whatever Wall Street wants it to be. Leeway for "policy debate" exists only within the parameters set by this grouping of experts—thus the current debate about how to enact and implement a national slave labor employment and incomes program.

On March 31, for example, Barry Boswerth of Wall Street's Brookings Institution think-tank informed a reporter that the think-tank considered the Humphrey-Hawkins "full employment" legislation for slave-labor full employment to be flawed: "In its present form, Humphrey-Hawkins should not be passed. Unless you have wage controls, any full employment program is inflationary."

The next day's Washington Post editorial attacked Humphrey-Hawkins as "inflationary;" that week, former Georgia governor Jimmy Carter denounced Humphrey-Hawkins as "inflationary." This week Hobart Rowan's Washington Post column discovered that Jimmy Carter is for wage-price controls, too, but "doesn't want it widely known yet." "Most of Carter's economic policy comes from Brookings Institution," admitted his campaign manager. Brookings also provides advisors to every other presidential candidate.

In late February, Jimmy Carter delivered a "major foreign policy address" authored for him by Zbigniew Brzezinski, former CIA advisor now heading the Rockefeller brothers' Trilateral Commission. "In his speech," said Alex Seith, Deputy Chairman of the party's Foreign Policy Advisory Board, "Carter took positions at the core of the papers being circulated by the party's policy task forces... about cutting \$6-8 billion out of the defense budget (relating to "bureaucracy" — ed.). It was based on a Brookings analysis." Zbigniew Brzezinski is also the foreign policy advisor to Hubert Humphrey.

Here is a sampling of the backgrounds of the various Wall Street "ventriloquists" who are actually speaking whenever Jimmy Carter, Rep. Morris Udall, Sen. Henry Jackson, etc. open their mouths:

***George W. Ball**—co-chairman of the Democratic Party's North Atlantic Study Group: Ball, who heads up the International Division of the Wall Street investment banking

firm of Lehman Bros. was a director of the U.S. Strategic Bombing Survey, chief protagonists of using the A-bomb on Japan. Ball served as Under-secretary of State in the Kennedy administration. A chief architect of U.S. financiers' Atlanticist policy, Ball recently proposed an "explicitly fascist solution" to the Italian crisis in a February speech to the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations. Understandably, no presidential contender has yet publicly called for "fascism" in Italy in this way.

* **Samuel Huntington**—chairman of the Democratic Party's Defense and Arms Control Study Group. Huntington is best known for his creation of the genocidal "strategic hamlets" counterinsurgency technique pioneered in Vietnam. He has been associated with all top think-tanks, including Brookings Institution, the New York Council on Foreign Relations, and the Institute for Strategic Studies. His most recent activities include participation in the Murphy Commission, which blueprinted the recent centralization of the intelligence community under the guise of "reform." Huntington's qualifications as a top adviser to Democrats is best highlighted by a major study he did last year for the Trilateral Commission on whether democracies are governable. Huntington's conclusion? "No."

***Zbigniew Brzezinski**—member of several Democratic Party foreign policy study groups. Brzezinski is one of the cabal's chief Sovietologists, and currently presides over both the Rockefeller-funded Russian Studies Institute at Columbia University and David Rockefeller's Trilateral Commission. In addition to advising Hubert Humphrey, Brzezinski's job has been to teach Jimmy "Born Again" Carter something about foreign affairs. Brzezinski wrote a "major foreign policy" address Carter gave to the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations in late Feb. in which he called for the US to help "liberate" Eastern Europe.

***Orville Freeman**—serves on the International Economy Study Group, with special emphasis on agriculture in the developing sector. Freeman succinctly stated his attitude toward the developing sector when he declared to an interviewer: "If one Third World country declares a debt moratorium, it will be turned into a hole in the ground. Credits and imports will be shut off. But if a group of Third World nations goes for a debt moratorium, then there will be economic chaos, fascism and war." A former Secretary of Agriculture, Freeman now directs Business International, a New York-based clearinghouse for the multinationals.

***Nicholas Katzenbach**—member of the Democratic Party's Foreign Policy Task Force. Katzenbach held various posts in the Justice Department during the Kennedy-Johnson era, leading to Attorney-General in 1965. He performed such a top-notch job in helping Robert Kennedy refurbish the Justice Department along sophisticated counterinsurgency lines that he was jumped up to Under Secretary of State. The real father of the Law Enforcement Assistance Ad-

ministration (LEAA), Katzenbach is now Vice President of IBM, which runs the largest private intelligence operation in the world, including much of the in-plant "kapo" network in the U.S.

***John Kenneth Galbraith**—member, of the Democratic Party's Foreign Policy Task Force. A well-known "liberal" economist and leading advocate of corporatist (fascist) "reforms," he was the real mastermind behind former President Nixon's wage-freeze following the Aug. 15, 1971 international monetary collapse. Galbraith's background includes a stint with the Strategic Bombing Survey, membership on Fortune Magazine's editorial board, and an administrator of the war-time Office of Price Information.

***Robert Nathan**—co-chairman of the party's Domestic Task Force Economy Study Group, Nathan has a long history of

advocacy of corporatist economic programs dating from the New Deal, including a stint as the head of the RAND Institute on Urban Affairs. He was principal mover behind the Democratic Party's adoption of a Brazilian-style "incomes" policy, which would tie cost-of-living increases to proportionally greater speed-up. Nathan is a trustee of Wall Street's economic policy think-tank, the Committee for Economic Development, and belongs to the New York Council on Foreign Relations.

Other members of the Democratic Party's task forces include former Secretary of Defense **Clark Clifford**; former Secretary of the Air Force **Paul Nitze**; former Secretary of Labor **Willard Wirtz**, whose just-published book demands the substitution of menial jobs for a high school education; UAW President **Leonard Woodcock**; and **Morton Halperin** of the CIA's "Counter—Spy" network.