

## Eye on Democrats by Anita Gallagher

### Manatt leads U.S. appeasement faction

In a Sept. 20 speech at the Jesuit Order's U.S. strategy center, Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., Democratic National Chairman Chuck "Banker" Manatt announced across-the-board Democratic support for Yuri Andropov's "peace movement."

The leadership of the Democratic Party and every one of the party's seven presidential hopefuls, said Manatt, have reached a "consensus" on the nuclear freeze, and a reduction in nuclear arms. The party's position is "general support" for the Roman Catholic bishops' letter which helped launch the nuclear freeze movement, Manatt affirmed. Manatt also proposed a comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty and new efforts to enforce nuclear non-proliferation.

Policy lightweight Manatt's speech was given significance by Harriman's presence and the fact that it took place on the 20th anniversary of the signing of the first limited test ban treaty between the United States and the U.S.S.R.—a negotiation led by Harriman.

In an interview made available to *EIR*, one of the highest-ranking Democratic arms control officials acknowledged that Harriman—who worked with leading Nazis on racial eugenics in the 1930s—had personally conceptualized and outlined the key features of Manatt's speech.

Yes, the Soviets are on a course of confrontation, the official admitted. Manatt's support for a freeze on the production of nuclear weapons and the

possible cancellation of the MX was designed by Harriman to induce Andropov to moderate the Soviet position. The offer, he said, was designed to show the Soviets that there is "support" for their goals in the United States.

Manatt and Harriman's treason has opened a chasm between the leadership and the ranks of the Democratic Party, especially in Labor. Manatt's "consensus" bombshell surprised Democrats from Maine to Texas, and Manatt failed to preview it even to Democratic presidential hopefuls John Glenn and Rubin Askew. Freeze supporter Glenn didn't mind at all, but opportunist Askew was incensed, because, he as told the press, he doesn't support the freeze, he only "applauds" the freeze movement!

On Sept. 20 as well, every Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee except Sen. Edward Zorinsky (D-Neb.) voted in support of a nuclear freeze resolution. Instead of throwing it out, the committee voted to send the freeze resolution on to the Senate floor with a recommendation of disapproval "because the freeze has national standing and a nationwide constituency," in the words of Sen. Charles Percy (R-Ill.).

Sen. Ted Kennedy (whom some Democrats still kid themselves about) urged that no one draw any implications from the murder of 269 aboard the KAL civilian airliner: "I reject the view of those who claim that the freeze is on ice [sic] because of the butal attack against the Korean airliner. . . . That tragedy makes it all the more urgent to do all we possibly can to reach a realistic agreement with the Soviet union to halt the nuclear arms race."

### Freeze resolution passed at New Jersey convention

The problem is not confined to Wash-

ington D.C. or Georgetown. At the New Jersey Democratic convention held Sept. 12-13 in Atlantic City, 200 out of 1,500 delegates signed a resolution urging President Reagan to announce a crash program to develop defensive beam weapons in response to the Soviet act of terror on the KAL airliner.

The National Democratic Policy Committee, the political action committee founded by Lyndon LaRouche, was there in force, with signs "Kick the KGB Out of the Democratic Party!" and "If You Still Support the Freeze, You've Been Sleeping for the Last Two Weeks!"

Two NDPC-backed candidates, Ray Fennimore and Dan Barton, who had won primary elections for the Democratic spot in Assembly races in Somerset and Warren Counties, respectively, motivated the beam resolution from the floor.

Yet despite the fact that more than 15 percent of the convention delegates had signed it, when the word came down to pass the freeze, the convention did so overwhelmingly. Fennimore told the squirming delegates, "The Soviets are laughing as they watch the political spectacle in the United States."

The freeze, like the official Manatt-Harriman Democratic Party, is not going to wither just because it is the policy of traitors. Action is required from the mass of Democrats who are disgusted by the party's open proposal to appease Moscow.

As one amazed Midwest state chair commented, "The Russians aren't *trying* to back down the United States—they're *doing* it."

When it came to candidate preference, a full 26 percent of the New Jersey delegates voted "uncommitted." Freeze supporter Glenn, who did not campaign, "won" the presidential straw poll with 36 percent, while the fast-fading Walter Mondale salvaged only 28 percent of the vote.