

'field': Haig's stalking horses

who sat on the board of patrician Averell Harriman's firm, Brown Brothers, Harriman.

George Bush himself is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations' board of trustees, and of the National Advisory Council of the Episcopal Church, enjoying intimate relations with cold warrior Dean Acheson's son David and the Aspen Institute's Robert Amory.

His mottled career has encompassed stints as a Texas congressman, U.S. representative to the United Nations, Republican National Committee chairman, first U.S. liaison in Peking, and CIA director. In Peking, Bush did the years-long spadework which preceded the Carter Administration's pact with Vice-Premier Teng. He has played a key role in the Henry Kissinger-Tory networks that have nearly destroyed the Republican Party and recently asserted that U.S. ties with Britain must be strengthened in an interview with this newsservice.

While some say that Senator Banker's thus far unofficial campaign collaboration with the Haig candidacy derives from opportunism more than witting agency, his position as Senate Minority leader and public spokesman for the middle-of-the-road tendency in the GOP greatly

enhances the destructive potential of his deployment. The Senator has gathered an unsavory assortment of advisors, including his campaign manager, Rhodes Scholar Senator Lugar (R-In), foreign policy advisor Edward Luttwak — a British subject and Israeli intelligence agent who works out of Georgetown University's Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), and Fred Iklé, former head of the Arms Control and Disarmament Administration and currently the GOP's chief official spokesman on behalf of confrontationist policies toward the Soviet Union.

Baker's call last month for the U.S. to retaliate militarily and economically against the Afghani government for the assassination of the U.S. ambassador indicated his embrace of the Haig profile.

Most disturbing however, is the ease with which other candidates — John Connally, Ronald Reagan and Phil Crane — have been manipulated into pushing the kind of anti-Soviet and domestic austerity policies whose popularization will ironically make Haig's election more feasible. While Connally attacks Soviet aggression and the Salt II negotiations, Crane calls for a beefed up military commitment to Israel: both centerpieces of the foreign policy of the men behind Haig.

The Pittsburgh connection

A well-connected source in Pittsburgh political circles has informed us of the key role played by John Heinz II, the chairman of the Heinz Corporation and father of Sen. John Heinz III (R-Pa.), in the test tube creation of the Haig candidacy.

According to our source, the elder Heinz, a member of the American Advisory Committee of the Ditchley Foundation, first started talking about a Haig presidential candidacy among the Pittsburgh corporate and banking elite in mid-summer 1978. Heinz then proceeded to bring Haig to an August 1978 meeting of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development. Heinz discovered that his man on the White Horse could be sold quite easily to the Mellon, Morgan and other interests who populate the ACCD.

With the top leaders of the ACCD "sold," Jack Heinz began to build up something of a behind-the-

scenes campaign infrastructure for his boy Haig. According to our latest reports this includes working on a corporate war chest. This is being handled through a Mr. Shortbridge, a top level contact man in the U.S. Steel Corporation whose chairman Edgar Speer is a leading proponent of fascist war-economy measures and a bitter enemy of the European Monetary System.

Heinz is the key man, our source states. "He really wants to put Haig into the White House and he will put all the muscle he has behind it."

Heinz is currently on an extended trip in the Caribbean for unannounced purposes and could not be reached for comment.

His son the senator recently captured the chairmanship of the key GOP Senate policy committee in a bitter fight.