

gets through Congress . . . history has never seen such a concentration of skilled manpower on one R&D project." At least 5% of the work will be pure innovation at the frontiers of energy, power, radiation, communications, molecular engineering, and microbiology technologies; SDI officials emphasize that this work will be unclassified and will be wide open. "It is designed to bring out the basic innovative juices of American know-how," said one. "Never has such an open-ended science program been presented to Congress."

If the SDI budget does go through, this U.S. scientific powerhouse will be linked directly to the plasma physics, computer, and laser labs of Europe and Japan. The Soviets, in their endless denunciations and threats against "Star Wars," have all along known it was precisely such an earthbound technological revolution in the West which might face them. This explains the Soviet-backed wave of terrorism which has murdered several of the European leaders of this "laser revolution" in past weeks.

The wire in the sky: What is Project Antigone?

Laser beams can destroy nuclear missiles. But charged particle beams would be a thousand times more effective in destroying missile warheads. That was considered academic as recently as the late 1983 Fletcher Panel study for the President: Unlike neutral particle beams already under development, charged particle beams could not be based in space, because their positive ions and negative electrons have mutual electrostatic repulsion, causing the beam to fly apart within a few feet in the vacuum in space.

No longer. Lawrence Livermore scientists have found a way, now being developed in Project Antigone. The concept is to create a "wire in the sky," a plasma channel generated by a pulse of laser light. It acts like a wire in that it will charge-neutralize the particle beam, permitting its focused propagation through space. Livermore Antigone experiments have used a laser pulse to produce a plasma channel through benzene gas in an accelerating vacuum chamber.

Laser beams can destroy their missile targets by burning or blowing a hole in them—they deposit their energy on the surface of the target. But charged particle beams deposit their energy deep within its interior, destroying a missile's delicate electronics. This target penetration cannot be shielded against; it is possible to "tune" the beam energy to penetrate any target to a desired depth. Antigone, in short, has the advantage of "electronic kill."

Behind the brawl in the Democratic Party

by Warren J. Hamerman

Paul Kirk, the old Kennedy hand, was muscled into the chairmanship of the Democratic National Committee by the same combination of Lane Kirkland and the Harriman grouping which forced the candidacy of Walter Mondale down the throats of an unwilling Democratic Party last year. Kirk may have an even rougher ride as chairman than did the bungler Charles Manatt, because the Democratic Party is literally coming apart at the seams since the humiliating defeat of Mondale-Ferraro last November.

At the DNC meeting where Kirk was elected, the disintegration of the party was out in the open. Kirk himself was elected only after Californian Nancy Pelosi, who had the backing of New York State Gov. Mario Cuomo, was arm-twisted out of running by the Kirkland and Harriman forces. Southerners and Westerners had rallied behind North Carolina's former governor and another long-standing Kennedy operative, Terry Sanford. Behind all the byzantine maneuvering typically used to kick up dust and camouflage the real policy issues in the Democratic Party, there is one unmistakable clue as to the meaning of the Kirk chairmanship.

After Kirk was elected, his first policy move was to announce his commitment to revive the notorious Democratic Advisory Council (DAC) under a new name. The DAC was created in 1956 by Averell Harriman and John Kenneth Galbraith as a specific vehicle for abruptly transferring party policy formation away from elected party officials and traditional constituencies, and making it the private fiefdom of the Eastern Liberal Establishment through their agents in the large Wall Street investment houses and the "octopus" law firms of Lower Manhattan and Washington, D.C. In short, Harriman's DAC was the battering ram which was used to dismantle the legacy of Franklin D. Roosevelt in Democratic Party policymaking. Kirk's intention to resuscitate the DAC coheres with the intended gear-up of the Project '87 plan to "restructure" U.S. constitutional government. The Committee for Constitutional Reform of Lloyd Cutler, et al., will begin their first major public statements of the Project '87 campaign in the spring of 1985.

When Kirk talks about reviving the concept of the DAC, he is championing the cause of a very specific network, the very top policy managers for the old-line families who constitute the Western Hemisphere's oligarchy. The key men who operated on the foreign-policy and domestic-affairs task forces of DAC were Averell Harriman, Orville Freeman, George Ball, Clark Clifford, Arthur Goldberg, Samuel Huntington, Sol Linowitz, Cyrus Vance, John Kenneth Galbraith, W. Anthony Lake, Dean Rusk, Zbigniew Brzezinski, Leonard Woodcock, Robert Roosa, Nicholas deB. Katzenbach, Paul Nitze, Morton Halperin, Harry McPherson, and Clifford Alexander. Through the DAC, Harriman turned the Democratic Party into a hollow shell. The disastrous McGovern reforms of 1972 and the debacles of the Carter-Mondale period were stepchildren of Harriman's DAC. Thus, Kirk can be counted on to try and streamline party policy structure so that it can move even more rapidly into escalated combat against the second Reagan administration.

Will the minorities bolt?

After Kirk was elected, one of his first acts was to come down hard against the minorities in the party. The Black Caucus traditionally gets to pick one of the vice-chairman positions, and had opted to re-elect Mayor Hatcher of Gary, Indiana to the position; Hatcher had been Jesse Jackson's campaign manager. The DNC did not accept their recommendation and Hatcher was replaced by Rolland Burris, the comptroller of the state of Illinois. So, Hatcher, Rep. Mickey Leland, and Doris Turner, the head of the DNC black caucus, called a press conference to denounce Kirk and threaten that blacks might leave the Democratic Party. They demoagogically accused Kirk of trying to send a message to white male America that the Party was "going mainstream."

On Jan. 11, Jesse Jackson publicly exhorted blacks to "reassess their loyalty to the party." Jackson, who also backed Hatcher for party vice-chairman, now said he will refuse to recognize the election of the new vice-chairman and might even refuse to recognize the party organization itself.

In statements that were headlined by the *Washington Post* and other newspapers, Jackson charged that Democratic Party leaders were attempting to attract white male voters by "proving they can be tough on blacks" and that blacks, in return, must reassess their loyalty to the party. If the pattern of denial of blacks continues, he said, blacks—the party's most loyal voting bloc—will leave the party and become independents.

Meanwhile, back in New York. . .

A similar operation is going on in New York City, where the Democratic Party has deteriorated into an all-out factional brawl along racial and ethnic lines. Efforts to draft a mayoral candidate to oppose Mayor Koch have splintered the party, with Hispanic political figure Herman Badillo of the Bronx refusing to support black Assemblyman Herman "Denny" Farrell as the mayoral candidate of the black-Hispanic coa-

lition. Badillo had been favored to win the backing of black city leaders before Farrell announced his candidacy. But now Badillo says Farrell supporters made "anti-Puerto Rican statements" about him. Hispanic leaders, taking a page from Jesse Jackson, say they will now participate in a voter registration drive to increase their power.

Will disenfranchised minorities, or Southern and Western conservative Democrats, now bolt from the party because once again a Harriman-Kirkland puppet is chairman? In fact, various scenarios have been floating in the Democratic sewers for months, given that the two most powerful interests in the Democratic Party are no longer southern Democrats and minorities, but the Swiss and the Soviets. This is indicated by Gary Hart's recent pilgrimage to Switzerland, Moscow, and Edinburgh to win favor for his 1988 presidential campaign from the party's real controllers.

The strategic nature of the war for control of the Democratic Party is also indicated by the recent trip of former Democratic Party chairman Charles Manatt to Venezuela shortly before a massive battle was ignited to expel LaRouche's associates of *EIR* from that country. Manatt and his Republican counterpart Fahrenkopf travelled under the auspices of Lane Kirkland's nefarious "Project Democracy." Manatt and Fahrenkopf met Rodriguez Iturbe, among others. Senator Iturbe is the head of Opus Dei in Venezuela and an arch-champion of the Gnostics and would-be assassins of the Pope in Tradition, Family, and Property (TFP).

Many months before Kirk was elected, his managers were designing specific scenarios to "green" the Democratic Party. In other words, they wished to create a political vehicle in the United States along the lines of the neo-Nazi Green Party of West Germany, and to use this as a battering ram not only against Reagan but against all of the traditional institutions of American republicanism. One version of the scenario called for the "greens" to split the party, force the conservatives out, and take over the party structure. Another version of the same plan called for the radicals such as the Rainbow Coalition to split out and leave a skeleton behind. The intent here would be for the Rainbow Coalition to form the core of a new, specific electoral vehicle in the U.S.A.

The professional "party managers" and scenario spinners are overlooking the fact that the LaRouche patriotic wing of the Democratic Party has taken to the streets, having helped to bring 10,000 to Washington, D.C. on a bitter cold Martin Luther King's birthday, Jan. 15, to march for the Inalienable Rights of Man and the "dream" of building anti-missile beam defenses and developing Africa.

The real question for the Democratic Party is in what policy direction to proceed. There are only two alternative courses: One was defined by Lyndon LaRouche in his *Independent Democrats' 1984 Platform*, a bipartisan effort during the second Reagan administration to pursue the course of a revived American Revolution; the other is the program of the oligarchical Eastern Establishment to "undo" the American Revolution and re-feudalize the United States.