
Portrait of a Harvard punk

Who's covering theft of LaRouche's funds?

On Nov. 2, the First National State Bank of New Jersey sent a telegram to presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche's campaign committee, Independent Democrats for LaRouche, to announce that it considered its credit-card clearing agreement with IDL "terminated." When IDL attempted to discover from bank officials what had been done with nearly \$300,000 of campaign funds in credit-card deposits, they were told that the bank was holding the bulk of the money against anticipated demands from campaign contributors for return of their funds!

By this extraordinary action, IDL was prevented from purchasing a previously agreed-upon half-hour of prime television time from CBS-TV on election eve, so that LaRouche's final remarks of the 1984 campaign could be carried on all three networks. LaRouche campaign representatives have filed criminal charges for theft against the First National State Bank of New Jersey, as well as civil court proceedings for damages. A court hearing is presently scheduled for Nov. 30.

The New Jersey bank's remarkable seizure during the final phase of a presidential election campaign, so reminiscent of a Watergate "dirty trick," appears to have been triggered by the U.S. Attorney in Massachusetts, William Weld. On Nov. 1, the press announced that Weld had authorized an "investigation" into LaRouche campaign fundraising to be conducted by the FBI, after allegations against the campaign of illegal practices involving credit cards were aired on the NBC-affiliate television station in Boston, WBZ. At that moment, the first round of LaRouche's libel suit against the parent NBC company was in the courtroom. The news of Weld's investigation immediately made headlines in the Boston media. "Rumors" of a subpoena were reported in New Jersey.

Who is U.S. Attorney William Weld? Scion of the Weld family associated with the Wall Street investment firm of White, Weld & Co., William Weld is a 38-year-old Harvard Law School graduate from the Elliot Richardson-Henry Cabot Lodge "Boston Brahmin" liberal wing of the Massachusetts Republican Party. Together with such "Brahmins" as McGeorge Bundy, these GOP figures constitute Henry A. Kissinger's principal allies in his efforts to shift the policies of the Reagan administration. Back in October 1981, Weld was selected for his present post by the White House Palace Guard captained by James A. Baker III, after he was trounced

in a race for state attorney general. Weld vowed to "clean out political corruption" in the state of Massachusetts, and began a year-and-a-half long investigation of the Democratic administration of Boston Mayor Kevin White.

According to the *National Law Journal* of June 13, 1983, William Weld's "... long investigation has been, depending on your perspective, either a case study in the 'hard ball' methodology for unraveling political corruption or a textbook example of a prosecutor misusing his power to bully witnesses and manipulate the political process."

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Weld made his reputation by driving Boston's mayor of 16 years, Kevin White, out of office. Some 18 months after Weld's October 1981 appointment, Kevin White announced in 1983 that he would not seek re-election. The *National Law Journal* reported that "few doubted that U.S. Attorney Weld's multiple grand juries, legions of subpoena-serving FBI agents, and unrelenting pressure on the mayor's political organization had also taken its toll. . . ."

The *Journal* account added that White had lost the "ability to control events in a putative campaign."

In a description reminiscent of the FBI's Abscam "sting" operations, the *Journal* characterized Weld's activities: "The precise contours of Mr. Weld's investigation . . . remain largely subterranean, locked away in the secret grand-jury proceedings. . . . The forest is filled with smoke, but the investigation has turned up only a few brush fires."

Weld has been accused of leaking information to the press to further his own political designs. Although Weld was subpoenaed to answer questions on his role in the "extensive publicity surrounding the probe of White," the subpoena was quashed after Weld filed an affidavit that he "had not disclosed to any unauthorized person, including any person of the media, any matter occurring before the grand jury." But a *New York Times* article appeared citing "law-enforcement officials" and "law-enforcement sources" as the basis for information regarding the grand jury in this case. This triggered a "supplement" to Weld's original affidavit, in which Weld recalled having spoken to a *New York Times* reporter, but claimed "no memory" of making any disclosures.

Moving up to the White House?

Well before appointment to his present post, William Weld served on the House Judiciary Committee as assistant minority counsel in 1973-74—preparing the impeachment proceedings against President Richard Nixon. He got that job with the help of the man who was then Attorney General of the United States, Boston Brahmin Elliot Richardson. Other such Kissinger allies, including those in the White House Palace Guard, are presently engaged in open political warfare against LaRouche, by Kissinger's own admission. It was reported in the *New York Daily News* on Oct. 31: "The savants at Reagan-Bush headquarters were more worried about Lyndon LaRouche than Walter Mondale."