
FDR-PAC Policy Forum

Stop the drug plague: Start at the top

by Katherine R. Notley

On Nov. 16, the FDR-PAC held the second of its series of policy forums in Washington, D.C., on stopping the scourge of illegal drugs by going after the conspiracy that flooded the country with drugs, and jailing the kingpins. Some 100 activists and organizers attended the forum, which was addressed by *EIR*'s Jeffrey Steinberg, co-author of the *Special Report*, "Would a President Bob Dole Prosecute Drug Super-Kingpin George Bush?"; Rev. Vernor Clay, former associate director for anti-drug programs of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; Dr. Abdul Alim Muhammad, who heads the Abundant Life Clinic in Washington, D.C. and serves as the Nation of Islam Minister of Health; and Massachusetts State Assemblyman Ben Swann. All speakers emphasized the necessity to start at the top: to prosecute George Bush, who, as vice president, directed and oversaw the largest inflow and increase of illegal drugs in U.S. history.

Opening the forum, moderator Dennis Speed reported on the intervention the previous evening, by a representative of Lyndon LaRouche at a town meeting held by CIA director John Deutch in South-Central Los Angeles, regarding allegations that the CIA had allowed the Nicaraguan Contras to bring crack cocaine into the United States to fund their dirty war [see page 62]. The LaRouche representative queried Deutch as to whether he would investigate George Bush and the privatized intelligence operations he headed; later that evening, the matter of Bush's responsibility was raised by the mayor pro-tem of nearby Compton, California, on ABC News's "Nightline" broadcast. The national airing of Bush's role, Steinberg later explained, put a real war on drugs, far ahead of where it had been 24 hours earlier.

'Painless concentration camp'

Steinberg underscored that, especially since the October *San Jose Mercury News* series on the Contra running of crack cocaine, the story behind the conspiracy "is becoming too big to bury." The purpose of that day's panel, he said, was to present a "work-in-progress," to initiate a policy discussion on the real nature of, and the responsibility for, the flood of illegal drugs. Steinberg noted the ferment that has emerged in the wake of the *Mercury News* series, and the efforts of the *Washington Post*, the *New York Times*, the *Los Angeles Times*,

notably, and other "respectable" media to discredit the story by saying that Americans, especially African-Americans, must have a screw loose to believe that the drug plague stems from a conspiracy.

To demonstrate the policy underlying the conspiracy, Steinberg displayed a quote from British intelligence agent Aldous Huxley in 1961, where he detailed how to create a "dictatorship without tears," and a "painless concentration camp" through propaganda and brainwashing enhanced by pharmacological methods. Steinberg then reviewed the always-startling figures from the July 26, 1996 *EIR Special Report*, "Britain's 'Dope, Inc.' Grows to \$521 Billion," showing the huge increase in illegal drugs in the United States during the 1980s. He also described the "Sam Walton marketing strategy," of driving the price of cocaine down by huge increases in volume. Showing figures on the worldwide "black economy," Steinberg said this amounts to a criminalization of the world economy and the world banking system.

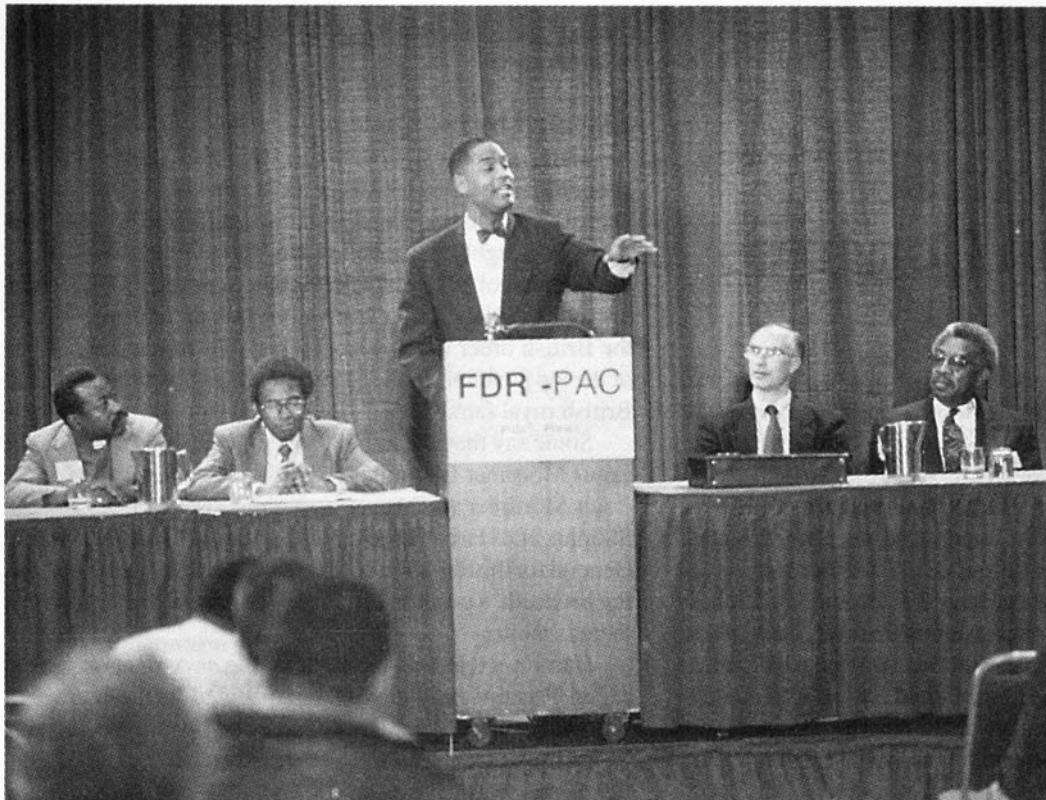
Can the drug epidemic be stopped? he asked. Or are the drug-legalizers right?

In fact, it *can* be stopped, and relatively easily, Steinberg told the forum. He reviewed Lyndon LaRouche's March 1985 proposal for a military-style war on drugs, including unflinchingly identifying the multinational drug cartel, and then putting the resources into destroying the enemy.

Returning to his question, Steinberg asked: If it is so easy, who stopped it? He described the creation and operation of the George Bush secret government structure in the Reagan-Bush administration, and then displayed the model "drug kingpin" indictment against Bush and his co-conspirators. He took as a case study Bush's cohort, former number-three in the Justice Department, William Weld, elaborating his sabotage of the Bank of Boston money-laundering case, which, as we have recently discovered, was directly for the protection of Weld's second cousin (see our *Editorial*). These people are the guilty ones, Steinberg said; they should go to jail for the rest of their lives. Under the principle of equity, we're not proposing to free every jailed drug trafficker, but we want the true drug-kingpins to go down.

How the cover-up worked

Rev. Vernor Clay of the Lincoln Temple United Church of Christ described how the Justice Department, under Bush's Attorney General William Barr, had reached out to the religious community and to community activists to carry out community programs against drugs. However, Clay asked, if you want to take the attention off yourself, how do you do it? Create a diversion. The proliferation of these drugs took place during the Reagan and Bush administrations. Crime soared, guns and drugs proliferated, addiction rose, and, of course, the need to build more jails increased. Who's being incarcerated? It's largely blacks. Clay described his work as part of George Bush's "Points of Light" Foundation, a program that was only on the community level. They didn't touch the higher levels;



Dr. Abdul Alim Muhammad describes how the introduction of crack cocaine into the nation's inner cities was an attack on the human being's divine potential, at the FDR-PAC Policy Forum. Other panelists, from left: Rev. Vernor Clay, moderator Dennis Speed, EIR's Jeffrey Steinberg, and Massachusetts State Rep. Ben Swann.

he concluded that these programs were a cover-up, used to actually accelerate the use and distribution of drugs on a higher level.

Benjamin Swann, Massachusetts State Assemblyman from Springfield, warned the crowd that the fight against Weld is not over by a long shot yet, because Weld, a Republican, is being considered for a post in the Clinton administration. Swann repeatedly emphasized the fact that there are real human beings, real human faces, attached to the tragedies which flow from the crack cocaine epidemic. He compared the need to prosecute the drug kingpins, with the unfinished business of jailing the top war criminals in the Bosnian war, whose effects he had seen firsthand.

Abuse of the human potential

Dr. Abdul Alim Muhammad spoke on the highly successful Nation of Islam program, called "Dope Busters," which nonviolently cleaned the drug dealers out of several Washington, D.C. apartment complexes, until it was forced to close down after a hate propaganda campaign was run by the Anti-Defamation League. Moderator Dennis Speed opened his introduction of Dr. Muhammad, by reporting on a Nov. 15 *New York Post* column by Eric Breindel describing ADL official Edgar Bronfman's diatribe against Minister Louis Farrakhan in a letter to ADL National Chairman Abe Foxman. Dr. Muhammad remarked that Bronfman's statements are making Minister Farrakhan an assassination target.

He began by thanking the Schiller Institute and *EIR* for providing a lot of the factual ammunition which he used in his "Dope Busters" operation. Dr. Muhammad then delivered a powerful, personal retrospective on the drug epidemic, beginning with his training at Harlem Hospital in 1975, where he found himself in the middle of a war more bloody and more deadly than Vietnam. "I honed my surgical skills in a drug war," Dr. Muhammad said.

He detailed why crack cocaine is so very addictive, how it differs from heroin. A crack addict can't hold a job, be a family man, he said. He will never even grow old, because crack will kill him. This is chemical warfare; this is murder. Crack kills its users so quickly that a pusher can't make much money off them for any period of time. This is not "substance" abuse; this is *human* abuse: This is an abuse of the human potential, and people are turned into chattel slaves. They live in an environment of terror, violence, and bloodshed in their own neighborhoods. This is war against the people.

Concluding his speech, Dr. Muhammad warned that we can't approach these matters with a narrow focus. He asked, for example, "Did the CIA run drugs in South-Central Los Angeles?" We have to get behind it, get to the root of the matter, that there are wicked people in high places, who despise human beings. We have to accept our responsibility, to become the mature and capable human beings that God intended us to be. Focus on the main thing, which is the divine potential in you.