

Editorial

No to Weld

The idea that William Weld might be appointed to replace Janet Reno as Attorney General is presently being mooted by the Bush crowd, as part of their effort to prevent the prosecution of drug super-kingpin George Bush. Having Weld, Bush's right-hand man, in the Department of Justice, is just the kind of protection that Bush is badly in need of, now that his role as crack cocaine kingpin has been exposed.

On Nov. 16, the FDR-PAC, the political action committee founded by associates of Lyndon LaRouche in the Democratic Party, held a forum in Washington, D.C., on the subject of fighting a real war on drugs by exposing and prosecuting the Bush networks in government. A sub-theme of the meeting, attended by over 100 anti-drug activists, was the need to make sure that William Weld, who was repudiated by the voters of Massachusetts in the elections on Nov. 5, did not worm his way into the federal government.

Weld was the head of the Criminal Division of the Justice Department when much of the "Cocaine Contra" trafficking was going on. He is currently the governor of Massachusetts, and was defeated by Sen. John Kerry (D) on Nov. 5 in the race for the U.S. Senate seat from Massachusetts.

Massachusetts State Assemblyman Benjamin Swann campaigned successfully against Weld's bid to become a U.S. senator, but he warned organizers attending the FDR-PAC forum, that the fight to keep this corrupt politician from further government office, is not over yet, by a long shot.

Weld is known as "Big Red" in Massachusetts, Swann said. We don't mind losing him, but if Weld goes into the next Clinton administration, we'll still have to deal with him—the whole United States will have to deal with him.

Swan is absolutely right.

Weld was one of the most important figures in the drug explosion of the 1980s. He has been publicly identified as the leading figure within the Justice Department who sabotaged and covered up any efforts to go after the perpetrators of the drug epidemic, including govern-

ment officials who were either directly complicit, or simply turned the other way, knowing full well what was going on in their vicinity.

More than that, Weld was responsible for sabotaging an effort in 1985, in which Lyndon LaRouche and his associates were involved, to unravel the role of the big banks that were laundering drug money. Investigators from the Treasury Department exposed the role of the Bank of Boston in this drug laundering. In fact, they uncovered 1,163 separate felonies committed by officials of this bank.

The case was handed over to Weld, who was then the U.S. Attorney in Boston. His major emphasis at that moment, was coming up with a railroad criminal prosecution against Lyndon LaRouche and his associates. Weld sabotaged the Bank of Boston case, by arranging a plea bargain that let the bank off the hook. Moreover, it turns out that the chief international officer of the Bank of Boston was William Weld's second cousin.

Further, as *EIR* has documented, the Weld family has been involved in a securities firm, White, Weld Securities, which merged with Crédit Suisse bank in the 1970s. This Swiss bank has been identified as one of the largest international drug-money-laundering banks.

Not surprisingly, Weld agreed to dismiss 1,162 of these felony crimes, and agreed to a one-count plea agreement in which, somehow or other, no official of the bank was named. Just the "Bank of Boston." No specific people, no details. This is precisely the role which Weld would play—on a national scale—if he were appointed U.S. Attorney General.

This is the criminal, political apparatus which George Bush has assembled over the decades of his influence. They belong in jail, not in public office. They are guilty of crimes far greater than the lower-level drug traffickers who are out on the street, or presently behind bars. They are guilty of a conspiracy to destroy the United States by corrupting the institutions of government at every level—federal, state and local. They are responsible for the drug-related deaths of thousands of Americans. They must be stopped now.