

William Weld's Chinese connection

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At 10 a.m. the morning of Sept. 11, the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee convened, and Committee chairman Strom Thurmond (R-S.C.) immediately rattled off a list of over 30 nominees for positions ranging from judgeships to top slots in the Justice Department, saying, "No objection? Approved." That was it. In less than one minute, the Senate Judiciary Committee had confirmed the nomination of Massachusetts U.S. Attorney William Weld to head the Criminal Division of the U.S. Justice Department. In less than one minute, a Boston Brahmin linked to Swiss banking, Soviet intelligence, Chinese intelligence, terrorist networks, and drug trafficking, had been approved as America's chief prosecutor of criminals! And all this was known to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Most of the senators on the committee were present. As *EIR* goes to press, a report from the office of Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole stated that Weld's confirmation by the full Senate could come as early as Sept. 12.

At the same time, an investigation by the Justice Department's Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) is now open, reviewing why William Weld lied under oath on Aug. 13, about his and his family's \$2.2 million financial interest in White Weld & Co. until 1975.

EIR exposed White Weld & Co. for its partnership with *Crédit Suisse*, Switzerland's most notorious center for laundering of funds for drugs and terrorism, and that Weld deliberately aborted the investigation of the Bank of Boston's drug-money laundering to protect *Crédit Suisse*. But, despite the Justice Department investigation, Sen. Strom Thurmond refused to delay the vote, a vote which was, to be mild, a breach of national security.

The China connection

According to reports from usually reliable sources, William Weld has a secret investment in Filmline International, a Montreal-based film company involved with the government of the Peoples Republic of China in a project to film the life of Canadian Communist Norman Bethune. The movie is being produced on the pretext that Bethune, who died in

China, is a "folk hero" to the Chinese Communists.

The financial interests of Weld's father, David, were centered in China and the drug-finance capital of Hong Kong until the late 1930s, when they were moved to Europe. The Weld family businesses in the 19th century were part of the Chinese opium trade.

In 1985, William Weld and his wife, Susan Roosevelt, took a month-long trip to China.

Susan Roosevelt is the daughter of former OSS operative Quentin Roosevelt, who died in 1949 in China. Susan Roosevelt's great-grandfather was Teddy Roosevelt, and her uncle was Kermit Roosevelt of CIA/Iran fame.

Dirty money?

Filmline International at 209 St. Paul West in Montreal, is currently the largest film company in Canada, producing for the Canadian Broadcasting Corp., as well as commercial films. Almost certainly, film-making is only a cover.

Several months ago, Filmline's executive, Pieter Kroonenburg, a Dutch national, paid an undisclosed sum to the environmental-terrorist Greenpeace organization to purchase the rights to produce a movie on the sinking of the Greenpeace ship *Rainbow Warrior*, allegedly by French intelligence agents, in New Zealand. Greenpeace ships are used to monitor nuclear tests by France and NATO members. In other words, as Western intelligence experts say, Greenpeace is a cover used by Soviet secret services to obtain spy data.

Weld maintains covert financial connections to Filmline, partially through a complex network of banks that involve the Bank of Smithtown (New York), in which Weld owns stock, the First Los Angeles Bank, and the Bank of Montreal. The Bank of Smithtown handled finances for the late David Weld.

In the Norman Bethune project, Filmline is partners with "August First," the official film company of China's People's Liberation Army. Scriptwriter for the film is one Ted Allan of Hollywood, a former member of the Canadian Communist Party and a "comrade" of Bethune's in Spain.

Filmline's Montreal-based attorney, John Buchanon, and other associates are deeply involved, currently, in forming an airline for the Republic of Maldives Islands, an independent state off the southernmost tip of India. GIA, Ltd. (Gerale International Aviation), of the Bahamas and Montreal, the firm involved, claims contracts with the islands' tourist hotels.

Asian intelligence sources say there is no profitable tourist trade in the Maldives, a Muslim nation, with close relations to Libya and Iran, that models itself on Islamic fundamentalism.

It maintains close contact and direct flights to the Seychelles Islands, another tiny state to its west, which is in the orbit of Libya, Iran, and the U.S.S.R. According to sources, the Maldives are frequently used for narcotics smuggling from Sri Lanka (Ceylon) and are most probably also involved in terrorist safehousing.