

## EIR report smokes out Bush-Perot dirty tricks

by Our Special Correspondent

On Oct. 30, *EIR* intelligence directors Jeffrey Steinberg and Edward Spannaus, and *EIR* historian Anton Chaitkin, held simultaneous press conferences in Boston and Washington, D.C. to release the publication's latest multi-client special report, "George Bush and the 12333 Serial Murder Ring." The report, provoked by new revelations about a British-South African connection to the 1986 assassination of Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme, details a string of high-level political murders during the 1980s and '90s, all linked to efforts to cover up the crimes of the George Bush "Iran-Contra" apparatus.

Steinberg's press conference in Boston provoked a serious blunder by former President Bush, who has been quietly attempting to pull together the political combinations to get his son, Texas Gov. George W. Bush, the Republican Party Presidential nomination in the year 2000. Aware that the Boston *EIR* event was going to expose the role of William Weld, a longtime Bush protégé and family intimate, in some of the most serious Bush-league political crimes of the 1980s, the ex-President dispatched Ross Perot up to Boston to stage a "media event" to preempt significant "mainstream" news coverage of the *EIR* report's release. Perot made a last-minute, previously unscheduled, appearance at Boston's Faneuil Hall to endorse Weld, in his race for the U.S. Senate against incumbent John Kerry (D-Mass.).

George Bush has a strong personal vested interest in destroying Senator Kerry. Beginning in 1986, Kerry launched the only serious Congressional effort to uncover the role of the Bush-sponsored Nicaraguan Contras in smuggling tons of illegal drugs into the United States. As *EIR*'s September 1996 multi-client special report, "Would a President Bob Dole Prosecute Drug Super-Kingpin George Bush?" documented, Bush presided over the Reagan administration's co-

vert program in Central America, which helped launch the crack-cocaine epidemic in America's urban centers.

### Three partners in crime

The fact that Perot is now in bed with George Bush is a scandal in its own right. Now, Perot's claims that he is a crusader against political corruption are exposed as pure fraud. Weld, as Steinberg detailed in two separate, well-attended speaking engagements in Boston, is one of the most corrupt politicians in America. In 1986-88, Weld oversaw the U.S. Justice Department's coverup of the role of the George Bush-Oliver North "secret parallel government," in flooding the streets of the United States with cocaine and heroin, to finance the not-so-secret wars in Central America, Africa, and Afghanistan. Weld used his position as head of the Criminal Division, to block the Kerry investigation. Details of Weld's role in that coverup were cited during the Oct. 23 hearing held by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (see last week's *EIR*), and they are now the subject of a probe by Justice Department Inspector General Michael Bromwich. The role of Weld and other top officials of the Justice Department in that effort was also documented in a 20-page appendix to the final report of Senator Kerry's Foreign Relations Subcommittee study of government complicity in Contra drug trafficking, released in December 1988.

Already in 1985, Weld had demonstrated his value to the Bush-led patrician crime syndicate, by sabotaging the prosecution of the Bank of Boston, after it was caught, by Treasury Department investigators, laundering over \$1.2 billion in drug money into overseas accounts.

In his weekly nationally syndicated radio interview with "EIR Talks" on Oct. 30, Lyndon LaRouche had the following to say about the Perot-Bush-Weld troika: "So, the news is,

of course, that Ross Perot has been bought, in a sense, by George Bush, that is, bought politically. It's not the first time it happened. I recall that Perot actually operated, got in bed with, Bush and Kissinger, when Perot was on the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board; and Perot was actually implicated, by that action, in endorsing the 12333 covert operation, which was run against me and my friends by Kissinger and Bush, back in the 1980s. So it looks like Ross has dropped the mask, and the slime is well exposed. It's going to be—this is going to have very interesting effects, the fact that Perot has been exposed as a four-flusher in this degree, and is nothing but a Bush hack. That's going to be very interesting.”

## Drugs and guns

In the Washington press conference, Edward Spannaus noted that, in the six weeks since the release of the first *EIR Special Report* on Bush, it has had a significant impact around the world, and has helped to focus the political ferment generated by the *San Jose Mercury News* series on the crack cocaine epidemic.

“Now we drop the other shoe,” Spannaus said, with the release of the second *Special Report*, exposing the Bush-linked arms trade and international killer apparatus.

The arms smuggling is simply the international side of the same Bush “secret government” apparatus which was responsible for the importation of huge amounts of drugs into the United States, as a result of its covert wars in Central America (cocaine) and Afghanistan (heroin). This is not the CIA, Spannaus said. He quoted how Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hi.), the chairman of Senate Iran-Contra committee, had described it, in his statement at the end of the Iran-Contra hearings in August 1987: “a secret government—a shadowy government with its own air force, its own navy, its own fund-raising mechanism, and the ability to pursue its own ideas of the national interest, free from all checks and balances and free from the law itself.”

The “charter” of Bush's secret government, Spannaus said, was the 1981 Executive Order 12333, under which U.S. intelligence agencies can enter into contracts with private companies or institutions. Spannaus pointed out that many operatives, formerly associated with the CIA in covert operations, resigned or were purged from the CIA in the 1970s, but stayed in the same business in the 1980s—just not as employees of official government agencies. E.O. 12333 also provided that other agencies, besides the CIA, could conduct covert operations.

“With the privatization of intelligence, you could set up many CIAs, using private networks, and using the Pentagon and sections deep in the Joint Chiefs of Staff,” Spannaus explained. The arms trade is a key source of support for the private “asteroid” apparatus, to the tune of an estimated \$10-15 billion a year.

This is a global network, spanning East and West. Span-

naus described the irony that weapons purchases would be made from the East bloc, by the Bush-North-Secord apparatus, supposedly to arm anti-communist guerrillas. The Swedish arms manufacturer Bofors would ship arms to Iran or Iraq through East Germany, to hide their real destination. Before he was assassinated in 1986, Olof Palme was head of the commission enforcing the arms embargo against the Iran-Iraq War. Yet, Swedish companies were exporting arms and explosives to Iran, and this was an important part of the Swedish economy. This is the key to Palme's assassination, Spannaus said.

Spannaus summarized the the new leads on the Palme assassination, involving South African mercenaries linked both to British Special Air Services (SAS), and to the Bush secret government apparatus in the United States. Spannaus pointed to the case of Sir Jimmy Goldsmith, who took over the World Wildlife Fund-sponsored Operation Lock in southern Africa, a paramilitary covert operation set up by British SAS founder Sir David Stirling. Craig Williamson, one of those recently identified in South Africa as involved in the Palme assassination, played a key role in Operation Lock. Around 1990, after the death of Stirling, the operation was taken over by Goldsmith, who had worked closely with the “Public Diplomacy” group run out of the U.S. National Security Council during the Reagan-Bush administration.

As Spannaus described it, the “Public Diplomacy” group was run by Walter Raymond, a longtime CIA propaganda specialist who was put in this position by George Bush's national security adviser, Donald Gregg. Public Diplomacy became a sort of “Ministry of Propaganda” for Bush's secret government, specializing in planting articles or broadcasts in the news media, to support secret-government programs such as the covert wars in Afghanistan and Central America, and also to attack and defame opponents of these policies and enemies of the secret government.

## The ‘Get LaRouche’ task force

Out of this Bush/NSC Public Diplomacy unit came the formation of the “Get LaRouche” task force, a combined public-private effort. Wall Street investment banker John Train, financially linked into the Swedish explosives cartel, organized a series of meetings which planned and coordinated the media defamation of LaRouche, setting the groundwork for the eventual federal frame-up and imprisonment of him and a number of his associates.

LaRouche and his associates were branded as Soviet disinformation agents by the Train salon and government agencies such as the FBI. Yet, they used an East German Stasi disinformation agent, Herbert Brehmer, to plant the disinformation that LaRouche was behind the Palme assassination.

In addition to the Palme assassination, Spannaus detailed some of the mysterious deaths and assassinations linked to this international arms- and drug-smuggling apparatus, which are chronicled in the latest *EIR Special Report*.