

New England slate takes on Brahmins

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In an open letter to New Hampshire Democratic Party chairman George Bruno, Major (ret.) Robert A. Patton, "LaRouche candidate" for the Democratic U.S. Senate nomination, urged Bruno and all New Hampshire Democrats to rally behind his campaign to defeat Republican Sen. Warren G. Rudman (as in Gramm-Rudman) at the polls in November. "Mr. Bruno, if your desire is to restore the Judeo-Christian values that made this nation great, and restore the Democratic Party concurrently," says Patton, "then I suggest we meet to plan a program for New Hampshire that will do just that."

Patton's initiative is part of regionwide campaigns by candidates backed by the National Democratic Policy Committee, of which Lyndon LaRouche was a founder. They have told New England citizens that those who are supposed to be representing them in Congress are traitors in the notorious tradition of the Boston Brahmins. Recently, the national newspaper *New Solidarity* began to publish a biweekly supplement, called the *New England Spy*, which gives voice to the same kinds of issues being raised by the NDPC candidates.

In Massachusetts and New Hampshire, candidates endorsed by the NDPC are taking aim at not only Rudman, but House Speaker Tip O'Neill (D-Mass.) and Brahmin figure William Weld, U.S. Attorney for Massachusetts. In conjunction with Patton's offensive in New Hampshire, members of the NDPC's Massachusetts slate held a news conference March 21 to announce their campaign against the Boston "bluebloods."

"We are going to get this conflict-of-interest dope-running Bill Weld," LaRouche candidate Richard Black declared. Black, the New England NDPC coordinator and a candidate for the 8th Congressional District seat now held by Tip O'Neill, charged that Weld is conducting a grand jury fishing expedition against LaRouche supporters, while his family's investment firm, White, Weld—now owned by by Cr dit Suisse and Merrill Lynch—is steeped in dope-money laundering and corruption.

Black urged his opponents in the congressional primary—including Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr.—to join him in a call for Weld's resignation. Commenting on the 8th C.D., Black observed: "Voters should be glad to be rid of that inebriated hulk of hypocrisy and treason called Tip O'Neill."

The NDPC has already filed a slate of 51 LaRouche

Democrats for State Democratic Committee in Massachusetts. In addition to Black, three other candidates have announced for Congress. On March 21, former Quincy mayoral candidate David Peterson launched his campaign for the 11th District seat currently held by Democrat Brian J. Donnelly, asserting that the victories of LaRouche candidates in Illinois indicate a "willingness on the part of the American people to endorse the LaRouche program and to repudiate the Carter-Mondale leadership of the Democratic Party."

Also running for Congress on the NDPC slate are Norman Livergood of Plymouth, a skilled nuclear technician and Air Force veteran, who hopes to defeat incumbent (and avowed homosexual) Gerry Studds (D) in the 10th C.D.; and David Kenner of Dorchester, running against ultraliberal Rep. John Moakley (D) in the 9th C.D.

A retired Air Force bomber pilot, Major Patton is currently the only announced opponent of Rudman. In his open letter to state party chairman Bruno, Patton called the victories of LaRouche candidates in Illinois a "political shockwave" and urged party leaders to back his bid for the Democratic Senate nomination. "We must see to it that 'Rudman's folly' [the Gramm-Rudman act] is immediately repealed," said Patton. "History and the U.S. population await your decision."

Bruno, however, has already stated that no "follower of Lyndon LaRouche" can be elected in New Hampshire and vowed that the Democratic Party will field another candidate to oppose Rudman. Rudman—whose re-election was previously considered a safe bet—is himself in effect soliciting the Democrats to field a "more worthy" candidate to challenge him. The March 27 *Washington Post* reported that Rudman told New Hampshire Democrats it would be "bad" for their party if it were represented on the ballot by a LaRouche candidate. Rudman stated that he would "prefer" not to campaign against Patton. Is he asking the Democrats to save his neck?

The reason for Rudman's dismay is obvious: Patton is now touring the state, placing before the voters the very policy issues which decided the Illinois primary, including opposition to Gramm-Rudman. Patton thinks voters are ready to respond to the LaRouche program, especially on economic issues, support for a war on drugs, and drastic action against the spread of AIDS.

Patton has also called for the colonization of Mars by the year 2000 and demanded a stop to the campaign to destroy NASA in the wake of the Space Shuttle disaster. He said his campaign benefits "every time Rudman opens his mouth," and, thus, has demanded more press coverage for his opponent. Patton warned that if his campaign is tagged with the slanders being retailed against LaRouche, "there will be 'trouble in River City.' I'm not talking about violence in the streets. I mean there's going to be a catalytic reaction by the population of New Hampshire."