

## Editorial

### *That George Bush problem*

From the beginning of the Clinton administration, *EIR* identified one particular form of problem that we feared would prove fatal. In certain areas of foreign policy—especially Haiti and Iraq—as well as economic and justice policy, the administration left itself on “Bush autopilot,” as we called it, to its potential peril, and strategic catastrophe.

To those who thought we were exaggerating, the current eruption of the Russia and Waco embarrassments in the face of the administration should be a lesson. The policies which have led to disaster were all crafted under the Bush administration, and simply kept in place. And, given LaRouche’s warnings, there was no excuse for it.

In both this issue of *EIR* and the last, we have provided more than enough documentation to show that the criminal policy in Russia is of Bush administration origin. Does that matter, you ask? Only if you wish to eliminate the *cause* of the problem, which we do.

In no case did we warn more vociferously about the Bush holdovers and their policies than in the case of the Department of Justice, and its permanent bureaucracy. True, that bureaucracy goes back beyond the Bush administration, its most venal hired guns coming from the J. Edgar Hoover period of the 1950s and 1960s. The capability and predilection for a subversion of justice are inherent in the creation of such a group of permanent bureaucrats, who respond to financial and political interests outside the government.

The LaRouche movement documented this reality in great detail, you will recall. We publicized the stories of the “political assassinations” carried out by the Department of Justice hit-squads against African-American politicians, in the form of “Operation Fruehmen-schen.” We uncovered the politically motivated travesties of justice carried out against those targeted by the DOJ Office of Special Investigations. And we demonstrated that the very same *modus operandi* lay behind the politically motivated witch-hunt against Lyndon LaRouche and his associates. As a result, there was a public outcry for hearings exposing these crimes, an outcry that ultimately resulted in the passage of the

McDade-Murtha Citizens Protection Act, in the summer of 1998.

But, the Clinton administration didn’t listen. Attorney General Janet Reno refused to admit the outrageous conduct of the “career professionals” in her department and the FBI, and specifically declined to investigate and review the well-documented crimes of the DOJ in the LaRouche case. She declared that she took responsibility for the actions of her *de facto* subordinates—but she never cleaned house, nor got the full story of what the career bureaucrats had done under this and previous administrations.

Now, the whole process has blown up in her face. The DOJ permanent bureaucracy, which had planned the entire Waco fiasco long before she came on the scene, not only stampeded her into making the disastrous decision for the April 19, 1993 raid, but then lied to her about what had been done. Attorney General Reno is reportedly finally angry at being set up. Is she angry enough to face the fact that these same two-faced bureaucrats also set up the outrages of the LaRouche case, and hundreds of other political witch-hunts around the country?

Contrary to what many wish, the problem cannot all be blamed on the Clinton administration, however. They didn’t want to face the traitors within their midst—but the American population didn’t want to face the issue, either.

Now, the opportunity for cleaning out this problem exists again. The first step is to tell the truth about the origins of the problem. The second is to act effectively to reverse the *policies*, and to get rid of the personnel who carried out the crimes.

In the case of the Department of Justice, such a cleanout should lead directly to the exoneration of Lyndon LaRouche, one of the leading targets of George Bush personally, and of the permanent bureaucracy, as well as other victims of political persecution. LaRouche’s exoneration would be the most efficient way to both restore justice in our country, and to open up the political environment for the kind of debate which this nation needs, if this country and the world are going to survive.