

Revolutionary Heroes NOT!!!

Boston is quite well known for its Revolutionary Heroes and there are statues throughout the city extolling their virtues. But not all statues in Boston go so far back. There are many that honor folks more in our time and some for reasons you may have not any inkling!!



Red Auerbach was Coach and General Manager of the Boston Celtics Basketball Team for over 29 years, where he amassed 16 NBA Championships. He was voted 1 of the 10 best NBA Coaches in all history. Red was famous for lighting up his celebratory cigar in Boston Garden when it became apparent that the Celtics had the game in hand. Of course, were that to happen now, the Police would probably place him under arrest for smoking in a public hall. Red died in 2006, but his statue can be seen in Quincy Market at the southwestern end.



Kevin White was Mayor of Boston from 1968 to 1984. He was mayor when the “new” brutalism-architecture City Hall, shown in the rear of the statue, opened to the public in 1969. The standing joke with the statue is to note which way Kevin is walking (which is quickly away from The City Hall). His statue, the only bigger-than-life statue in the city, is located a little north from the front of Faneuil Hall, at the corner of Congress and North Streets



James Michael Curley served as Mayor of Boston in 4 different decades, 3 terms in the House of Representatives, was Governor of Massachusetts for 1 term, and served a term in the Massachusetts House of Correction. Curley was convicted of fraud for taking a Civil Service Exam for one of his constituents, for which he duly became beloved. His statue, or really statues, grace the little park near the Holocaust Memorial across from City Hall. Curley standing is showing his "Mayoral" pose and the one sitting is his "Man of the People" pose. He purportedly was the inspiration for Frank Skeffington in the book and movie, "The Last Hurrah".

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