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LaRouche holds press conference on AIDS

Democratic presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. told a press conference at San Francisco's Redwood City Hotel May 28 that he expects an AIDS ballot initiative he backs, Proposition 69, to win easily in June 7 voting in that state. LaRouche also announced a campaign broadcast to air on NBC three days before the election, as gay protesters marched outside the hotel.

Though Proposition 64, a similar initiative mandating public health measures against AIDS, failed in 1986, LaRouche pointed out drily that "those who led the opposition to it are dead. I should think that a lot of the people who opposed it are dead. So I think this time you will find a lot of the people who were panicked into opposing 64 are now thinking of supporting 69, because nobody else is doing a thing about this blasted disease."

He was asked about the effect of having virtually no support from elected officials or from the medical community. "So what?" he responded, "Maybe some people would like to survive. Maybe you will find in San Francisco and a few other places that a majority of what you call the 'gay vote' might turn out and vote for this thing."

His NBC television special will help, he added. "It is on the subject of 'Victory Over AIDS.' It will be quite a blockbuster. The program is like a documentary. . . . It's a national blast to put some dynamite under this thing nationally. . . . We are going to give them facts about the biological reasons for the disease and get rid of the idea that this disease cannot be licked. What I want to do is blow things up so people can come out and talk about curing AIDS."

"I think the public should be told that the 'safe-sex' material is garbage. Safe sex is nonsense, absolute nonsense, because this is not a venereal disease. [U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett] Koop is a liar. This guy is spending millions of dollars to mail silly, lying pamphlets, hoping that, like little Nancy Reagan, if you say 'no' to a little AIDS virus when it comes up and knocks on your door, it will go away," LaRouche said.

"The problem is not quarantine. The

problem is that quarantine costs millions of dollars. They panicked a good deal of the population into opposing it. I don't think it will work this time. Because these idiots said they had a better solution. They have no solution. They are doing less now than they ever did before, and the public knows it. . . ."

Washington archbishop named a cardinal

Washington, D.C.'s Archbishop James A. Hickey, whom the *Washington Post* described as having "shaped his ministry in the John Paul tradition of conservative theology and social activism," was named a cardinal of the Catholic Church on May 29. Also named a cardinal was Detroit Archbishop Edmund C. Szoka. The appointment of the two Americans will bring to five the number of active United States cardinals.

In all, 25 new cardinals were announced by the Vatican May 29.

Szoka and Hickey, who took their seminary training together, are expected to preach strict adherence to Roman Catholic teachings. "I shall do my best to live up to my episcopal motto chosen many years ago: Teach the truth in charity," said Hickey, who will be given his cardinal's biretta at the Vatican on June 28.

Hickey was responsible for "liberal theologian" Charles Curran being banned by the Vatican from teaching theology at Catholic University in the nation's capital. Curran taught a brand of "Christian ethics" which accepted abortion and homosexuality.

Hospitals quietly take precautions against AIDS

Many hospitals are quietly training their staffs in infection control, obviously with AIDS in mind, although most hospital officials deny it.

Goggles, gloves, and plastic gowns are being positioned in every patient's room. Staff are being required to attend classes usually consisting of a film and a lecture on

"infection control."

The two main themes are: It is prudent for staff to isolate themselves from *all* bodily substances of patients; but it is up to the staff member whether he or she actually does.

Even some small hospitals are remodeling to have at least several quite secure isolation rooms. In the past, often one regular room was designed as a quarantine room.

Nevertheless, hospital officials continue to regurgitate the line of the Centers for Disease Control and Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, that AIDS can only be transmitted by semen and blood. Questioned as to why the extreme precautions concerning all bodily substances, the standard reply is that it is "just better awareness" of the problem of all infections.

Dukakis says he'd recognize Jerusalem

In an interview with the *Los Angeles Times* May 29, Democratic presidential hopeful Michael Dukakis asserted that he would reverse more than 20 years of U.S. policy in the Middle East by recognizing Israel's claim to sovereignty over all of Jerusalem. He would also recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

Dukakis declared that the future status of Jerusalem was "not negotiable" except in matters dealing with "the rights of religious groups, which are rights that Israel has accepted."

"If," Dukakis added, "Israel wants its capital in Jerusalem, then, as far as I'm concerned, its capital is in Jerusalem. If it wants its capital in Tel Aviv, then it's capital can be in Tel Aviv. That's their judgment to make."

Bush drug charges aired on national TV

On May 26, the internationally syndicated Cable News Network Larry King Show featured a 40-minute interview with Richard Brenneke, one of the primary sources of the recent accusations that George Bush aide Donald Gregg supervised a guns-for-drugs