

National News

AIDS victim awarded damages for 'slander'

A county circuit court Portland, Oregon has awarded damages to a man with AIDS who works in abortion clinic, because an anti-abortion activist informed women going to the clinic of his condition. The court judged the warnings to be "slander."

Anti-abortion activist Priscilla Martin was sued for \$175,000 for slander and another \$175,000 for causing distress to a homosexual abortion clinic counselor when she told clinic patients to "be careful" because the counselor, Timothy Shuck, had AIDS.

Shuck announced on television two years earlier that he had the killer disease, and admitted in the Multnomah County Circuit Court that he draws blood and hugs and kisses women who are getting abortions at the Lovejoy Surgicenter, where he is employed.

But the court concluded that if defendant Martin could not prove Shuck was infectious, then she was guilty of slander!

Her attorney called the verdict a "signal to the public not to warn possible victims of exposure to a fatal infection."

Study admits twice as many AIDS victims

A new statistical analysis of official data on the number of AIDS cases in the United States has arrived at the conclusion that there are at least twice as many Americans infected with AIDS as the official government figures, and that there are many more heterosexuals infected as well.

The New York-based Hudson Institute, which conducted the study, says that the number of AIDS cases is at least double the figures cited by the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, the government center for monitoring disease and its spread.

According to the study, the infection rate among heterosexuals may be three times higher than the government's figures.

A spokesman said that the institute's study was based on "realistic" assumptions not used by the Centers for Disease Control, and indicated that 3 million Americans are probably infected. The CDC says that only 1.4 million are infected.

The study used the basic CDC figures, according to the spokesman, but subjected them to more sophisticated statistical analysis.

That would tend to indicate that the figures are probably much higher still, since the CDC's definition of AIDS, which was also adopted by the Hudson Institute, is overly restrictive, and designed to undercount AIDS cases to minimize public alarm.

Old 'Team B' figures praise George Bush

Richard Pipes and Seymour Weiss, leading strategic analysts specializing in the Soviet bloc, wrote a commentary for the Sunday, Aug. 21 *Washington Post* praising George Bush for his "great civic courage" in backing the intelligence finding that challenged the concept of mutually assured destruction (MAD).

Both writers were members of the Central Intelligence Agency's "Team B," which came up with that finding in 1976.

While Director of Central Intelligence from 1975-76, Bush backed the creation of Team B, whose analysis concluded that the Soviet order of battle includes the option of first use of nuclear weapons, and the belief that a nuclear war was "winnable." Mutually Assured Destruction was thus deemed a useless and dangerous doctrine for governing the West's strategic posture.

Team B's findings created major controversy, for the first time calling into question the Establishment's institutional commitment to MAD.

In their *Post* commentary, Pipes and Weiss quote Vadim Zagladin, the deputy director of the Soviet Central Committee's

International Department, in a 1988 statement, presumably referring to the Brezhnev era, "Rejecting nuclear war and struggling to prevent it, we, nevertheless, proceeded from the possibility of winning victory in it."

National Guard mad at flap over Quayle

A spokesman for the Association of the U.S. Army told *EIR* on Aug. 21 that National Guard members are outraged at the attacks on Sen. Dan Quayle for his decision to serve in the Guard.

In 1969-70, the spokesman said, the U.S. Army wanted to call up the Guard for service in Vietnam, and almost everyone in the Guard expected to go to war at a moment's notice.

However, Democratic President Lyndon Johnson decided that this was too much of a political hot potato. That was the only reason Dan Quayle's unit was not on a call-up list.

The spokesman added that if the disparaging of Guard service continues, it may become difficult to recruit and maintain in-depth reserves.

Tuning debate comes to the United States

The Sunday, Aug. 21 edition of the Newark, New Jersey *Star Ledger* carried a full-page article on the debate over standard pitch initiated by the Schiller Institute.

The article was prompted by the endorsement of lowering standard pitch from A = 440 vibrations per second to A = 432 by leading singers, instrumentalists, and ticket-holders of the New Jersey State Opera. The article emphasized the importance of the soprano and tenor's natural registral shift at an F-sharp, as one "physical fact" arguing for the tuning.

The issue goes back to an April confer-